

## Israel-supporters will fight Carter's new policy on weapons supplies

By WOLF BLITZKE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Israeli officials here and their American supporters will be making a major effort to reverse the thinking of top Carter Administration policy-makers, who want to see Israel excluded from a preferred list of foreign nations eligible to receive advanced technology weapons, coproduction agreements and other U.S. arms benefits.

Israeli officials are not hiding their concern over the administration's draft policy-review memorandum on foreign arms sales, currently circulating here. The officials believe that Israel's security will be endangered unless Washington agrees to include Israel with the NATO countries, Japan, Australia and New Zealand — the countries so far included as preferred nations eligible for U.S. military advantages.

Carter Administration officials insist that the final memorandum has not yet been approved by the president and that no firm decisions have yet been made. But during briefings with leading congressmen, administration officials acknowledge that they do not believe Israel should win preferred status because it does not have a formal defence treaty with the U.S. — as do the other countries on the list.

Israeli officials argue that if Israel is forced to be included among the countries belonging to the "rest of the world," Israel will no longer enjoy a special military relationship with the U.S. and Israel's security will be adversely affected.

The Jerusalem Post has learned of the details the administration is suggesting be included in a new arms policy. Nearly all of these suggestions would hurt Israel if implemented by the president.

According to administration officials, the first priority of the new policy would be to set ceilings — in dollar volume — on arms transfers of weapons to foreign states, except for NATO countries. There will reportedly be a goal to continue to reduce dollar volumes in each subsequent year.

Second, the administration does not want to be the first to introduce advanced weapons systems into a region, creating "a new or significantly higher combat capability" — except in extraordinary circumstances. The administration, in addition, wants to limit coproduction agreements — except under extraordinary circumstances — to the NATO states, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Any exception would have to be approved by the president.

"Unique or advanced weapons" systems will be sold only to the preferred-nation list, according to administration proposals.

There are other aspects of the draft memorandum that call for a reduction in third-country transfers of arms — a policy that could affect Israel's drive to increase military exports.

"It all adds up to one big disaster for Israel if approved by the president," said one pro-Israel source here, familiar with the details of the draft memorandum.

Israel's Ambassador Simcha Dinits last week met with assistant secretary of state Alfred Atherton and political-military director Leslie Gelb to hear about the proposals. He immediately expressed Israel's concern, although the Americans sought to reassure him that the U.S. would continue to meet Israel's legitimate defence needs.

Israeli circles here are also concerned about the programme because it would send the "wrong signals" to the Arab states, who would interpret the plan as an erosion of U.S. support for Israel.

Complicating the entire matter have been fears among pro-Israel sources here that the Carter Administration may be moving in the direction of imposing an Arab-Israeli settlement — fears resulting from statements last week by Carter and by Secretary of State Vance.

Israel's friends on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee want to attach an amendment to the pending foreign aid bill calling upon the administration to include Israel in the preferred category. The subcommittee on foreign assistance, chaired by Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), last week approved such an amendment, sending it to the full committee for consideration.

But there is some evidence here that the administration will seek to use its influence on the committee to block approval of such a pro-Israel resolution, fearing that it would upset the delicate negotiating process in the Middle East. The administration apparently fears that the Arabs would be upset by such a stand.

Nevertheless, pro-Israel legislators seem determined to press for approval of the amendment, thus setting the stage for a confrontation with the administration. Behind the scenes, officials on both sides say they want to avoid such a development.

During the past several days, Ambassador Dinits has been meeting with leading members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, explaining Israel's position on arms and other matters. He has met with Senators Humphrey, Frank Church, Jacob Javits, Richard Stone, Paul Sarbanes, Howard Baker and Dick Clark.

The State Department's acting spokesman, Frederick Brown, yesterday declined to go into the details of the proposed memorandum. He said only that the U.S. would continue to supply arms to Israel in the future, as it has done in the past. He said no final administration decisions have yet been reached.

Other officials here said the president had originally wanted to release the memorandum shortly after his return from his current visit to Europe. But the future that has arisen because of Israel's exclusion from the preferred-nation list may delay announcement.

Meanwhile, Israel has been officially informed by the State Department that the U.S. has approved the sale of Kfir to Austria — if the Austrians should go ahead with the deal. But experts here do not believe that is likely.



U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Syrian President Hafez Assad greet each other in Geneva before joint news conference that preceded their talks last night. (AP radiophoto)

## West warns: Change in Berlin perils detente

LONDON (Reuters). — The Big Four western powers warned yesterday that any violation of Berlin's special status would seriously threaten East-West detente.

The statement was issued after a meeting between President Jimmy Carter, Britain's Prime Minister James Callaghan, France's President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

The big-four statement stressed the importance of the quadripartite agreement of September 3, 1971, which consolidated and formalized

the role of the U.S., the Soviet Union, France and Britain in governing Berlin.

The statement said the three western partners in Berlin declared that strict observance of this 1971 accord was essential to the strengthening of detente.

The four western leaders met at 10 Downing Street, official residence of Callaghan. The meeting was sandwiched between Sunday's seven-power economic summit and the 15-nation NATO summit being held here today.

## British newsman says Carter is 'not committed to Israel'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A British expert on Washington politics said yesterday that the U.S. will force Israel to accept a Palestinian presence at the Geneva conference and that "President Carter is not committed to Israel's side."

The deputy editor of "The Times," Louis Hefen, a man known for his inside contacts in Washington, told a BBC newsreel that Carter has "a new approach" to the Middle East, and it does not lean towards Israel. The U.S. restrictions on

sophisticated arms sales to Israel were the first sign of Carter's tough line towards Israel, Hefen said.

"Although Carter does not wish to use U.S. muscle on Israel, he might do so if Israel does not go along with him," the British newsman said, implying that he had inside information on thinking in the Carter Administration.

"There won't be any weapons" if Israel does not go along with Carter's demand that the Palestinians be invited to the Geneva conference, he said.

## Carter, Assad 'fully' discuss buffer zones

GENEVA. — U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Syrian President Hafez Assad yesterday had a "full and quite constructive" examination here of demilitarized zones as part of a future Middle East settlement.

The president's national security assistant, Zbigniew Brzezinski, who participated in the three-hour-and-25-minute session, told newsmen, "We had quite a full and quite a constructive discussion on ways in which security in the region could be assured by adoption of demilitarized zones or other security arrangements."

In the last week, Assad has come out in favour of such zones, apparently backing down, at least temporarily, on his insistence on the immediate return of "every inch of occupied territory." But he has demanded that they be on both sides of Israel's pre-1967 boundaries.

Carter has also suggested a Middle East solution which would involve "defence boundaries" for Israel which would not be identical with its "legal" frontiers.

Brzezinski, however, indicated that no agreements had been sought at this time and none had been reached.

He said the talks, following Carter's meetings with other Middle East leaders in Washington, were a general exploration of ideas, that could help the U.S. to form a definite policy on the issue.

The White House official said Carter, who last night returned to London, and Assad agreed that any reconvening of the Geneva Middle East conference "should be very well prepared" if it was to succeed.

In Damascus a Syrian source said Assad presented Carter with an Arab consensus plan for creation of a Palestinian Arab state. The source told reporters the plan had the approval of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

The source indicated the proposal called for a Palestinian "homeland" in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. He said Arab leaders had resolved their differences over the links the new state would have with Jordan, but he gave no details.

Brzezinski said the talks between the two men, their first, were "extremely valuable, very informative and very friendly."

Brzezinski said the two sides also discussed the question of a Palestinian Arab homeland, Palestinian participation in formal peace negotiations, and "the meaning of peace."

Brzezinski however discounted a report that the PLO had agreed to recognize Israel's right to exist if Israel agreed to accept the right of the Palestinian Arabs to a homeland in the Middle East.

Asked if the U.S. had indications of this, Brzezinski answered, "Not at this stage."

(Such a report had been carried by Hearst newspapers in the U.S., citing Soviet sources in Washington.)

The first Carter-Assad meeting lasted one hour longer than planned. After the session, the two presidents broke for dinner with roast beef, strawberries and California wine on the menu.

Brzezinski said it would be wrong to say that nothing of substance emerged from the talks, "because the very process of establishing understanding is a matter of substance."

He said it is necessary to discover the areas of consensus and the areas "where a great deal of work remains to be done."

"We are engaged in a process," Brzezinski said. "That is the name of the game — a process."

On the flight to Geneva someone described as an "official aboard the presidential plane" said Carter believes that "for the first time since 1953, we have Arab leaders who are relatively moderate and not willing to play off the U.S. against the Soviet Union and accept the fact that Israel is here to stay."

According to the official, the Arabs now have a "new realization" — that they can't defeat Israel and that the U.S. would not allow Israel to be eliminated.

As he left Geneva's Intercontinental Hotel to fly back to London, a reporter asked Carter how his meeting with Assad had gone.

"It couldn't have been better," Carter replied.

(UPI, AP, Reuters)

## Peres says Assad's policy bars peace

HAIFA (Klm). — Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres declared here yesterday that the adoption by Syrian President Hafez Assad of a "not-one-inch" policy means he refuses to move one inch towards a peace settlement.

During an election tour of the Even Veid work in this area, Peres said the problem is not how to conclude peace negotiations, but how to initiate them.

As to Assad's recently reported agreement to the creation of demilitarized zones astride his border with Israel, Peres said this could be discussed after Syria and the other states concerned accept Israel's position with regard to its defence lines.

## Almost 100% of eligible seamen vote

By YA'ACOV FEIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Seamen aboard 35 Israeli flag ships at sea or in foreign ports got the jump on all the country's eligible voters yesterday, and almost 100 per cent of them participated in the special election day for the merchant marine. About 1,000 seamen were eligible to cast ballots.

Only in those incidents where the sailors had left their identity cards at home was the 100 per cent record broken. Nadav Sonnenberg of the Transport Ministry's shipping and harbour division, who is in charge of the seamen's elections, ruled — when queried by wireline in these incidents — that the sailors were ineligible to vote.

The El-Yam Company permitted the 32,000-ton grain carrier Har Carmel, en route to the U.S., to deviate from course and call at Gibraltar last night so that the crew could put their ballot box ashore. The diversion, costing \$3,000, was permitted after the Foreign Ministry sent a special message to the Gibraltar to pick up the ballot box.

In a radio-phone interview via the coastal radio station here, the master of the Zim freighter Nurit, sailing in the Indian Ocean, told the Jerusalem Post that all 29 Israeli crewmen on board had voted within 90 minutes of the ballot opening. "But I am keeping the ballot open for the regulation eight hours," Captain Henry Horn said. "In fact, regulations allowed him to close the ballot box after all votes had been cast."

The ship left Eilat six weeks ago, before the lists for the Knesset had been authorized. On Sunday election officer Sonnenberg sent him a wireless message with the names of the 22 lists, the name of the leading candidate on each, and their letter signs. "The letters came over in Lathi characters and we translated them into Hebrew," the captain explained, "and posted them on a special election notice board." Each sailor wrote the letter of his choice on his ballot slip and voted. The sealed ballot slips were then sent to the election officer.

Horn said that "no propaganda was allowed on board in line with our instructions, so there were no hard feelings or rivalry." He added that it was "a wonderful feeling, far away in the Indian Ocean, to be able to vote for the Knesset."

For some of the Nurit crew, it was their first vote; and "of them, it was the first time they had voted at sea. The ship is due to arrive in Singapore on May 17. Horn will then send a message to the Israel Consulate to pick up the ballots."

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Amsterdam firemen spray blazing Hotel Polen yesterday morning, shortly after its facade collapsed on fire engine in background. Rescue workers were combing the wreckage yesterday for 18 missing guests. (Story, page 4) (UPI telephoto)

## Hospital doctors to stop work for hour tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Medical Association will call out all hospital doctors on a "one-hour work stoppage" tomorrow morning to protest what it calls the government's failure to honour the wage agreement it reached recently with government hospital doctors.

During the stoppage, the doctors will be told that if the government does not immediately fulfill the agreement, the 1,000 government hospital doctors will stage an all-out strike. All Kupat Holim hospital doctors will be called out later on strike. The decision to adopt these measures was taken yesterday by the central committee of the IMA. The committee instructed Dr. Ram Yishay, president of the IMA, and Dr. Haim Zakut, head of the Organization of Government Hospital Doctors, to set the dates of the strikes.

Earlier this week, the Ministry of Health invited representatives of the Ministries of Health, Finance and Labour. But the IMA yesterday rejected this proposal, saying they had

nothing to clarify and that they are building the government to its signature on the work contract. The doctors complain that doctors on stand-by duty for an emergency ward are paid for only two days, instead of three days as agreed; and that department heads were promised a minimum of 15 days a month extra salary for stand-by duty, while specialists were promised a minimum of seven days but they are not receiving these extra payments.

### Special Knesset session

Post Knesset Reporter  
The Knesset will hold a special session on Thursday, at the demand of the Likud opposition, to debate Defence Minister Shimon Peres' reactions to the statements by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance concerning a Middle East solution. The used-car trade bill will also be debated on the second and third readings, at the government's request.

## Foreign capital vital to Syria's economic boom

By MICHAEL MORTON

Special to The Jerusalem Post  
DAMASCUS. — The Syrian Arab Republic is banking on its policy of "non-alignment" to obtain funds both from the U.S. and from the Soviet Union, as well as from the wealthier Arab oil states, to finance an ambitious economic programme.

A huge military budget, which swallows 64 per cent of the exchequer's revenue to maintain a 200,000-man army in Lebanon on the borders of Israel and Iraq, will not be an obstacle to Syria's development, according to government officials here.

President Hafez Assad, the strongman who has ruled Syria since 1970, plans to double oil production by 1980 and thus foot the entire bill for his country's imports.

He also plans three major motorways covering 240 km. from Damascus to the borders of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria's principal Mediterranean port, Tartus. Other projects include oil refineries, fertilizer and automobile factories, and an extensive system of irrigation.

A senior aide of Assad told me: "Many Jeremiahs prophesied that the collapse of Lebanon would mean bankruptcy for Syria next door."

"But the opposite has happened. We are profiting from the influx of Lebanese workers and technicians who provide the skilled labour power which Syria has lacked until now."

New skyscraper blocks are rising amid the clamour of pile-drivers and bulldozers from the dusty streets of Damascus, as a symbol of Syria's new-found prosperity.

This is still very much a police state with an omnipresent militia ready to crush any sign of dissent with the regime. But people are eager to talk to foreigners and to voice confidence in their country's future.

Political stability and a patriotic spur to revive the economy after the 1973 war against Israel have provided the impetus for a spectacular rate of growth. Between 1970 and 1976, the GNP rose in constant currency from six billion Syrian pounds to 22 billion. (One Syrian pound is equivalent to 20 U.S. cents or about IL2.60.)

Although the state controls 80 per cent of industry, the civil servants who manage businesses enjoy a wide margin of individual initiative.

Poverty is painfully visible. The road from Damascus to the oil port

of Tartus is bounded by shanty towns built of corrugated iron sheets and wooden planks.

But even here enterprising shopkeepers do a thriving trade in supplying locally-made kitchen ware, detergents, engine oil and household equipment whose quality is superior to articles imported from Eastern Europe.

The most serious problem for the ordinary Syrian is housing. The rent of an apartment for a middle-class citizen has increased from 300 to 1,200 Syrian pounds a year since 1974. Essentials such as rice, sugar and oil are rationed. But Syrians who can afford it can get extra supplies from the flourishing black market.

Inflation is running at an annual rate of 20 per cent, according to official statistics. But in fact it is closer to 35 per cent.

Foreign capital is vital to Syria, which must devote 12 per cent of its revenue from exports to servicing its national debt. The Soviet Union, which demands cash payments for arming the Syrian forces, granted Assad easier terms during his recent visit to Moscow. Assad hoped to obtain similar treatment from U.S. President Jimmy Carter at their meeting in Geneva yesterday. In

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## Israel football won't rejoin Asian group

By PAUL KORN

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Israel will not rejoin Asian soccer even if the Asian Football Confederation heeds a FIFA warning and reverses its closed-door policy towards Israel.

This was stated yesterday by Michael Almog, chairman of the Football Association, who had just returned from last week's FIFA conference in Monaco where Israeli delegates were observers.

FIFA threatened the Asian confederation with expulsion from FIFA within three months if it did not reverse its ouster of Israel.

Almog yesterday predicted that Israel would be admitted to the European Football Association (UEFA) "by 1978." He said the crucial date will be next April, when UEFA holds its congress in Istanbul and Israel can apply to join.

Almog said that the president of FIFA, Joao Havelange, had personally recommended to UEFA that Israel be admitted, regardless of the stance taken by the Asians. It would require a change in UEFA's statutes to allow Israel into the European grouping, because no country outside of Europe can be admitted according to its present constitution.

However, the Israel representative at Monaco pointed out that Turkey, whose capital is in Asia, and Cyprus were UEFA members and that UNESCO ruled last year that Israel was culturally in Europe.

Almog said Israel had extensive support for entering the European group among the 84 UEFA members, eight of whom are Eastern European countries.

"We need continued intensive efforts to gain entry to UEFA," Almog said. Israel will also ask to be included in the European zone in Olympic soccer preliminary games, which come under FIFA.

## Jewish doctor part of team sent to treat Iraqi strongman

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein is said to be in satisfactory condition following treatment last week by a team of American and other western physicians in a very painful slipped disc, U.S. officials said yesterday.

They told The Jerusalem Post that Iraq had requested and paid for the dispatch of the U.S. medical team to Baghdad, after Hussein had suffered the slipped disc.

One of the specialists sent to Iraq was an American Jew. Last week, "Newsweek" magazine reported that a top-flight team of American doctors was sent to Baghdad, but it did not know whether they had gone there to operate on Hussein, the regime's strongman, or 62-year-old Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr, Iraq's head of state.

The extraordinary Iraqi request caused a stir at the State Department, because the U.S. and Iraq do not maintain formal diplomatic relations, although both countries do have "interest sections" in third-country embassies in Washington and Baghdad. Iraq severed ties with the U.S. during the 1967 Six Day War, and has refused to restore them since.

The Post was asked by U.S. officials to publish the names of the physicians, although their identities are known.

Iraq, like Libya, is included among

the so-called "Rejection Front," which refuses to consider any Arab-Israeli settlement that will leave Israel intact as a state. The Iraqi Ba'ath Party, led by Saddam Hussein, has crusaded for the establishment of a Palestinian state to replace Israel.

The State Department, which approved and processed the Iraqi request under tight security conditions, did not want word of the affair to leak to the press, concerned that it might complicate U.S.-Iraqi relations even further. There have been recent reports that relations between the two countries have been improving, and that formal diplomatic ties might be restored.

Trade between Washington and Baghdad has increased significantly during the past two years.

Top State Department officials yesterday sought to minimize the importance of the mission, insisting that it was approved out of "humanitarian" concerns only. "Don't read too much into it," one U.S. official said.

The official said that the U.S. government did not consider it very unusual for the Iraqis to turn to the U.S. and the West for such medical assistance, rather than to the Soviet Union, Iraq's ally. In the Arab world, U.S. medicine has a better reputation than that of the Soviet Union, they noted.

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Golan	11	10-25	25
Nahariya	58	10-23	28
Safed	46	12-22	24
Haifa Port	47	18-23	24
Tiberias	36	14-22	32
Nazareth	53	12-23	24
Afula	38	19-26	28
Shomron	44	12-22	26
Tel Aviv	42	18-23	28
B.G. Airport	40	11-27	28
Jericho	29	15-32	34
Gaza	66	19-23	30
Beer-sheva	27	11-23	30
Eilat	7	19-23	36
Tiran Straits	11	23-33	34

#### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Rabbi Yisachar Dov Hager, a seventh-generation Jerusalemite, was yesterday formally appointed dayan at the Ashdod Rabbinical Court at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi attended by President Ephraim Katzir, the two chief rabbis and the Minister for Religious Affairs.

Rumanian Ambassador Ion Covaci, yesterday presented Tel Aviv University with a collection of several hundred books on Rumanian history and culture, to start a section of its library devoted to that country, designed to serve a Rumanian studies department.

Three students of the bee research centre of the Hebrew University's Agriculture Faculty at Rehovot — Yossi Salbetzky, Michael Nutkin and Yosef Rikover — yesterday received scholarships from the Benjamin and Gabriella Trivak Fund. Moshe Trivak represented the family at the ceremony.

Dr. M.L. Mendelson of Bar-Ilan University will lecture on Rembrandt's "The Night Watch," in the first of an English-language series on the Baroque, starting at the ZOIA House at 8.30 this evening.

The vocal newspaper of the Jerusalem Journalists Association, to be held this Friday at 9 p.m. at Beit Ha'am, will be devoted to the centenary of Jerusalem's reunification. Mayor Teddy Kolek and Uri Narkis will participate, and poems by Uri Zvi Greenberg will be read by Yitzhak Perl.

## Body of pilot Egypt returned is identified

Post Military Correspondent  
The body of one of the nine fallen soldiers returned to Israel by Egypt on the eve of Independence Day has been identified and will be buried in Haifa tomorrow.

The body identified was that of Seren Moshe Ostreicher, a pilot who fell over the Suez Canal on October 7, 1973. He was 21 at the time of his death. It is believed that his plane was shot down between the Israel stronghold "Budapest" and Port Said, at the entrance to the canal. Ostreicher, who will be buried at 3.30 tomorrow afternoon, graduated from pilot's training course as an outstanding cadet.

His parents and sister live in Haifa. His father, Avraham, told him last night that he had always believed his son's body would be returned for burial in Israel. Three and a half years ago, the father reserved a plot in the Haifa military cemetery. Moshe will be buried in that plot tomorrow.

Work on the identification of the other eight bodies is continuing at the Abu Kahir Institute of Forensic Medicine. Identification is based on information supplied by the Egyptians as to exactly where the bodies were found, together with physical evidence.

The nine soldiers were returned to Israel together with the bodies of two Israeli agents — Moshe Marzouk and Samuel Asar — hanged in Cairo in 1955 for their part in the "security mishap."

**Man remanded for assault on mayor**  
Kfar Sava. — A 65-year-old man who assaulted Mayor Ze'ev Geller was remanded yesterday for 15 days by the magistrate's court here and ordered sent for psychiatric observation.

Geller was leaving the municipality offices on Sunday when Nissim Bash, a Holocaust victim, allegedly yelled, "You Nazi," and bit Geller on the side of his face with a chisel.

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## Police probing charges of dirty campaigning

The police have asked the attorney-general to advise them on whether this does not violate proper campaign procedure.

Some 13,000 policemen, aided by Hagah and Civil Guard people, will be on duty on election day to assure smooth running of the country's 3,880 polling places, the policemen said. In the past few days, the police have been watching over all the equipment required for polling, and among other things checking to see that the various parties' 18,000 poll watchers (750 per party) are in order.

A computer check of the pollwatchers' signatures, the police told reporters yesterday, had revealed "no serious irregularities."

The police asked all voters yesterday to avoid bringing packages or other unnecessary items to the polling stations. They also asked voters to be on the lookout for any suspicious objects or persons, and to report these immediately.

In Tel Aviv, meanwhile, the Alignment campaign headquarters yesterday charged that Likud supporters had created disorders at 50 Alignment rallies so far, including those involving Shimon Peres, Yigal Allon and Abba Eban. They said they had submitted a "vigorous complaint" to the police about this.

The police have so far investigated four campaign malpractice complaints passed on to them by the Central Elections Committee, police representatives told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

The policemen, who were giving details of preparations for next Tuesday's poll, did not reveal the results of the investigations.

They listed three complaints submitted by committee chairman Justice Elihu Mann:

• A Likud complaint that its election posters had been ripped down throughout Tel Aviv on the night of May 1.

• Complaints about the actions of Kach candidate Rabbi Meir Kahane.

## Rakah admits PLO hasn't softened anti-Israel line

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Palestine Liberation Organization leaders who met a

## Reform Jewry may seek WZO membership

By MALKA RABINOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
NEW YORK. — Reform Jewry may follow in the wake of the Conservative Movement in seeking membership in the World Zionist Organization.

A recommendation to this effect will be discussed soon by the board of trustees of the Reform Movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, according to Reform leader Rabbi Alexander Schindler.

With only the Orthodox Mizrahi not representing religious Zionists within the WZO, injection of Conservative and Reform delegates would have far-reaching implications.

Conservatives in the U.S. claim a constituency of about a million and a half, and the Reform claim about a million. This contrasts with the some 85,000 votes cast by Hadassah in WZO elections.

Both the Conservative and Reform movements are disgruntled at their exclusion from equal recognition with the Orthodox rabbinical in Israel.

The Conservatives last week announced a move to form a Zionist group called Tikun Zion with the intention of seeking acceptance by the American Zionist Federation as the route to membership in the WZO.

## Gas distributors end strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The four-day strike by gas distributors ended yesterday after fuel commissioner Shimon Glibos negotiated a compromise between them and Pnagaz.

The strike affected the entire country except the four main cities Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and Beer-sheva where the gas companies have offices.

Glibos said that it would take about one week for the distributors to catch up with the backlog of work. The strike broke out because the 80 gas distributors opposed the manner in which Pnagaz had changed one of its distributors in Beer-sheva. According to the compromise, the fate of this distributorship will be decided soon.

Glibos told The Jerusalem Post that a technical failure in the plant that fills gas, which caused a partial shortage in filled canisters, had been fixed. The shortage of gas canisters was given as a reason for the strike.

Complaints about the screening of a film on the Entebbe rescue mission that showed (Alignment) personalities who are running in the current campaign.

According to him, a fourth complaint was forwarded yesterday by the police to the attorney-general for an opinion. This concerns a Rakah newspaper advertisement that appeared yesterday, showing a border policeman forcibly holding a woman. The caption read: "This will be the daily occurrence under Likud-DMC rule" but was taken under Alignment-NRP-ILP rule.

## Arab candidate for Shelli said knifed in Nazareth

NAZARETH. — An Arab candidate on the Shelli Knesset list, Isam Fahum, was stabbed Sunday night by a Rakah (New Communist) activist, during a fracas here, Shelli reported yesterday. The leftist party said the 50-year-old Fahum required 24 stitches on his arm and face.

According to Shelli, the incident occurred at a party for the Nazareth Hapoel sports organization, of which Fahum is coordinator. It began allegedly when Fahum attempted to stop Nazareth's Communist mayor, Tawfik Zayyad, from speaking, on the grounds that the meeting was not a political one.

Zayyad, the party says, nevertheless did speak up and declare that he was contributing IL2,000 to Hapoel. Fahum then retorted that Zayyad had pledged IL2,000 last year but that the cheque had never arrived.

At that, Shelli says, an uproar broke out, in which one of the Rakah activists present fell on Fahum with a knife. It said the assailant's name was known to the police.

Rakah delegation in Prague last week did not soften their policies, but Rakah leaders said they are hopeful.

Dr. Emil Touma, one of the four Rakah participants, told a press conference yesterday that the delegations did not discuss the Palestinian national covenant (calling for Israel's destruction). "We didn't discuss this issue, nor any other ideological point. We talked about pragmatic issues which may create an atmosphere...leading to an agreement."

Touma said the Rakah delegation represented its plan calling for an Arab-Palestinian state side by side with Israel. "We said there can be no compromise," he said.

U. Bein, another participant, told The Jerusalem Post he believed the PLO would recognize Israel if this country agreed to withdraw to the pre-1967 Day War boundaries, negotiate with the PLO and recognize the Palestinians' right to their own state.

According to Burstein, they also said the PLO will "very seriously consider any proposal coming from Israel." He argued that if these statements are examined in the light of diplomatic practice — one can see the justice of his party's claims.

## Kahane demonstrates

Meir Kahane, leader of the Kach movement, hurtled into the U.S. cultural centre in Jerusalem with 10 of his followers yesterday to protest what he termed "American interference in Israel's affairs."

Police who arrived on the scene dispersed the demonstration without making any arrests. (Itm)

## A CIVIL DEFENCE exercise will be held in the Givatayim area today.

ed workers and high school graduates — started to leave in large numbers in 1974, when employment in Israeli enterprises dropped from 80,000 to its present number, about 65,000.

According to the Labour Ministry, the trend of dropping the number of Arab employees has been stopped and the number is now stable. A large number of skilled workers who gained valuable experience in Israeli plants have found good jobs in developing Persian Gulf Emirates, the ministry said.

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## Yadlin may expose Labour financing

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Asher Yadlin is scheduled to meet police investigators tomorrow and he may reveal some facts about secret sources of Labour Party funds.

Yadlin, sentenced last February to five years for bribery and tax evasion, is expected to give the police testimony regarding charges against Mordchai Eliasson, former general manager of a Solel Bonah subsidiary. Eliasson is awaiting trial on charges of bribing Yadlin's sister, Sarah Harl, with IL30,000 so that Kupat Holim — which Yadlin headed — would engage his company. Prior to his trial, at which he pleaded guilty, Yadlin and his sister agreed to give the public prosecution their version of the Eliasson affair. This is understood to involve sums given to the Labour Party through devious channels.

Shortly after Yadlin was sentenced, he met State Comptroller investigators to reveal what he knew about Labour Party financing. But he refused to name names unless the persons were granted immunity from prosecution. No agreement has been made on this point yet.

After Yadlin and his sister complete their testimony, the attorney-general will decide whether to pursue the charges originally made against them in connection with the Eliasson affair.

Miss Harl was given a six-month suspended sentence and fined IL5,000 after being found guilty on bribery charges.

Radio, TV can't call Peres 'acting premier'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Shimon Peres will have to give up the title "acting prime minister," at least when he is mentioned on TV and radio, in accordance with an opinion to that effect yesterday by Attorney-General Aharon Barak.

Prof. Barak's ruling followed a complaint by Hanan Meltzer of the Democratic Movement for Change to Broadcasting Authority director-general Yitzhak Livni a few days ago. Meltzer claimed that the use of the title since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin went "on vacation" was "election propaganda," since Peres is the Alignment candidate for prime minister in next week's election. Livni then asked Prof. Barak for his opinion.

The attorney-general, basing his opinion on the Basic Law: Government, stated that the circumstances of Rabin's "vacation" were not included in the legal provision for naming an "acting prime minister."

(He went on leave following the disclosure that he and his wife had maintained an illegal bank account abroad.)

Livni ordered officials in the Broadcasting Authority henceforth to refer to Peres as "Defence Minister Peres" or "Minister Peres."

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## Eban to close foreign accounts

Ahha Eban has agreed to the request of the controller of foreign exchange to repatriate all his holdings in foreign banks.

The Treasury's foreign currency division has announced that there is no intention at present of referring the investigation of the legality of the former foreign minister's foreign bank accounts to the police, since Eban is cooperating fully with the division in clarifying the matter, which still lies within its province.

Meanwhile, Israeli journalist Amos Kenan, spokesman of the Israel Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, revealed yesterday he had toured Arab country "not bordering Israel" for a week and had met senior officials of that country and PLO representatives. Kenan said he could not reveal at present what country he had visited but added that he had entered the country with his Israeli passport. His visit, Kenan said, was arranged by Senegal President Leopold Senghor.

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## See how they run

By Asher Wallfish

SOME OF YOU READING this column may be among the over 30,000 Israelis who have the right to vote, in theory, but were not included in the voters' register because their addresses were unknown to the Interior Ministry.

The Central Elections Committee found no solution to this problem. It rejected a proposal by the Citizens Rights Movement to allow these disenfranchised to vote in double envelopes like soldiers and police. It did not recommend the only other solution — postponing the elections for a fortnight to try to pin down the missing voters.

The Interior Ministry says that the early elections put paid to its plan to prepare a new voters' register for this autumn. The register being used is two years old.

If you want to know whether you are on the register and where your polling station is, you can contact the Interior Ministry, or any of the party headquarters. All the parties have copies of the register.

On election day, voting information bureaux will function all over the country, where you can locate your polling station in a matter of minutes — and get your fare paid to travel to your station, if the distance is over 20 km.

RUMOURS ABOUT a possible coalition between the Alignment and the Likud after the elections are worrying some Labour men. Yehiel Leket MK, a younger-generation dove in Labour, warned that he would not vote for such a coalition in the Knesset. Yitzhak Tragerman of Kibbutz Bagan, who represents the younger generation of Likud Hakhibutim, warned that a national unity coalition would bring political and economic paralysis.

Labour's Yeruham Meshel, the Histadrut secretary-general, may be worried that the Alignment will retain its plurality only by the skin of its teeth. "The Histadrut is considering offering free dental care to workers and their families after the Histadrut elections in June," Meshel told workers at the Electra plant in Rishon Le-Zion.

One Electra worker asked Meshel why he only came to see them before elections. Meshel replied: "One day a week for the past four years I've been visiting factories."

The worker: "I don't believe you."  
Meshel: "I shall send you a list of every factory and the date I visited it."

In Haifa, Knesset Members Moshe Wertman and Moshe Shaleh, giving a press conference along with district secretary Uri Agami, promised that the Alignment would get a 2 to 3 per cent higher vote in Haifa than its national average.

Mapam, meanwhile, announced that it would run on a separate list for the Ashdod Labour Council in the Histadrut elections next month, putting up Shlomo Alkabetz as chairman.

In Tel Aviv, Avraham Kalosky, who heads "Operation Election Day" for the Alignment, said 50,000 members and 5,100 vehicles would be mobilized on E-Day.

COMPLAINTS...complaints...complaints. Likud MK Gideon Patt has accused Defence Minister Shimon Peres of sending signed letters to IDF soldiers telling them to vote for the Alignment — in envelopes addressed with the help of the IDF computer, which is the only means for locating all soldiers. Patt says he has seen such letters and condemns them as "politicization of the army."

The Likud's information chief, Menahem Savider, has described Alignment warnings that a Likud victory

would paralyse the labour economy as "wicked intimidation." Zalman Sheval MK said the labour economy "could not possibly be in a worse state of collapse than it already is, after decades of Alignment hegemony."

In the National Religious Party, the secretariat of the Likud Utenuk faction, annoyed that its leader Dr. Yitzhak Hagal MK was bumped from the list, circularized its supporters with a call to boycott the NRP. But the faction did not advise its supporters for whom to vote.

Shmuel Tamir of the Democratic Movement for Change waxed angry about the Alignment propaganda style, charging that it was churning out distortions and lies daily, because "Alignment leaders are panicky about losing power."

Labour-wing DMC chief Prof. Yigal Yadlin filed yet another criminal suit against the sensationalist weekly "Ha'Olam Haish," its editor-in-chief Uri Avari, its editor Eli Tavor, and its writer Yigal Laviv, who had left the impression that he purloined a shekel from Massada after his digs. This is Yadlin's third suit against Avari and Laviv, from whom he is seeking IL5m damages.

Eli Eyal, another DMC candidate, quoted the daughter of the late David Ben-Gurion, Emma Ben-Gurion, as having complained that the Alignment was taking her father's name in vain. Eyal said in Beer-sheva: "Mrs. Leahem told me on Shabbat that her father quit Labour, never to return, because it had corrupted the nation and ruined the state."

Yitzhak Hagal MK (Independent Liberals) advised disabled Holocaust survivors not to put their trust solely in the Likud, just because the chief of their abortive Likud faction was joining Hillel Seidner's Ashdud faction in the Likud. "It's an attempt at a monopolistic politicization of your just claims, which I always supported in the Finance Committee," Hagal said.

Citizens Rights Movement head Shaulami Aloni MK has protested to Supreme Court Justice Elihu Mann, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, for allowing Meir Kahane to go on TV with "Nuremberg-style racist attacks on Reform and Liberal Jewry and on Israel's Arabs." Referring to a Beer-sheva meeting to this, and to the justice's blue-ribboning Alignment footage showing the sumptuous villas of the DMC leaders, she said: "Truth is being censored, while unbridled incitement is given free rein."

The leader of Shelli's Histadrut faction, Yair Kahane, asked Histadrut Secretary-General Meshel to probe labour relations in the ports, in the light of the State Comptroller's finding that nine employees of the Ports Authority got excessive severance pay totalling IL5m. Somebody must have told Samuel Flato Sharan that his voting letters pay shes (taken from his name) also stand for the commandment on redemption of captives, pidyon shovrim. He is now issuing propaganda with Halachic quotes to prove why it would be a transgression to extradite him to France (on fraud charges).

Shmuel Yagel, the No. 2 man in the Zionist and Social Renewal Movement of Mordchai Ben-Porat MK, has attacked Defence Minister Peres for "abandoning his ex-Rafi friends and falling into the arms of Mapam."

See How They Run's "Inside Information" today comes from inside the walls of Me'asayahu Prison, where Black Panther headman Shalom Cohen is serving 60 days for illegally demonstrating, because he refused to pay a IL1,700 fine. His followers have been hunger-striking at the Western Wall for his release. They told reporters that Cohen is passing cardboard folders in prison, campaigning for better prison conditions, and teaching his fellow-inmates.

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## State Comptroller Report—Broadcasting Authority

## Expensive equipment found unused, neglected in Television House stores

By JUDY SEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TV viewers, who shell out ever-increasing sums for their annual licence fee, will probably fume over the revelations of waste and negligence to the State Comptroller's chapter on the Broadcasting Authority.

His disclosures of unused and misused TV production equipment — costing hundreds of thousands of pounds — belie statements by the authority's director-general and the TV director on the "urgent need" to replace outdated equipment. Nearly 114m was spent for TV equipment, film and replacement parts during the fiscal year 1975.

Most of the decisions to purchase new items, notes the comptroller, were made by the professionals who use the equipment, without participation by the staffs responsible for administration and expenses. If they had been included, he writes, the purchases probably would have been carried out more economically. The goods were received mostly via air carriers, and not by sea, because the authority insisted that the equipment was too fragile for the rough and slow journey aboard ship. But TV House failed to free the goods promptly from customs, leaving them heaped at the airport warehouse for up to eight months as storage duties piled up. The authority explained that it did not free them from customs because of a lack of funds.

In June 1975, the authority bought an electronic subtitle projector with a price tag of IL2.2m. The purchase had not been included in the budget

This is part of the continuing series of reports on the State Comptroller's critique of the operations of government.

and forced the cancellation of other purchases, including a fire detector for radio studios and an electronic picture stabilizer. The projector was built specially for TV House by a foreign company, and four Broadcasting Authority employees made five trips abroad — supposedly to ensure that it would meet the TV's special needs. When it arrived in Jerusalem, in October 1975, it was deemed unsuitable; it was found unusable in the authority's storeroom in August 1976. The manufacturer decided in the future not to make similar equipment. TV House returned the expensive projector and will buy from the manufacturer other goods, at a 10 per cent discount, when it requires them.

Two slide projectors were bought for a total of IL75,000 from a manufacturer, without comparison shopping at other suppliers. They arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport in July 1975, but were freed from customs four months later. According to the TV's records, they arrived at TV House six months later. (The comptroller did not state where they had been during that period.)

In May 1974 a colour TV camera, a slide projector and two 16-mm. film projectors were ordered at a cost of IL80,000. They reached Israel the following August, but were freed from customs in May 1975. They were not registered in the TV's file of equipment until February 1976.

Several cameras were discovered by the comptroller to be the possession of authority workers who have no business with them.

Three of 17 TV cameras registered in the file were found unused in the storeroom. There was no proof of the authority's contention that they were for "emergency use."

Three projectors had never been taken out of the storeroom.

Of 62 registered TV sets in the building, six were in the storeroom; 11 persons were registered as having more than one set; even though a considerable number were not in use, TV ordered two more in June 1976.

The comptroller found that an audio-visual recorder that cost IL480,000 hadn't been used since 1974. In addition, most of the equipment at TV House did not get regular maintenance according to the manufacturers' instructions.

Only one inventory of equipment has been taken since TV was established nearly a decade ago, and that was conducted by a single worker, rather than by the required committee. The director of the storeroom did not check new equipment regularly and was thus unable to report which goods were defective upon receipt.

Many of these same shortcomings were described in detail by the State Comptroller in previous years.

Regarding shipment and transfer of goods, the comptroller found that the authority could have saved substantial amounts of money by using the Defence Ministry's customs clearance service rather than that of a private agent.

## Policeman suspected of shoplifting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police circles yesterday remained tight-lipped about a senior police officer who is suspected of stealing groceries from a Jerusalem supermarket. They said only that the investigation would be a speedy one.

The police officer, who has been suspended with pay, allegedly left a supermarket in the Ramat Eshkol quarter of Jerusalem with two baskets of groceries. According to a check-out girl, he had paid for only one of them.

## Five held after Sabbath fracas

Jerusalem police arrested five men on Sunday in connection with a religious demonstration outside a Ben-Yehuda Street restaurant last Friday evening in which two policemen were injured.

Religious zealots have been holding weekly protests outside the Espanol restaurant which has a permit to be open on the Sabbath.

Last Friday evening, the demonstration flared into a fistfight between the restaurant owners and the demonstrators, who were eventually put to flight. Two policemen who were on duty at the site were injured and required hospital treatment. (Him)

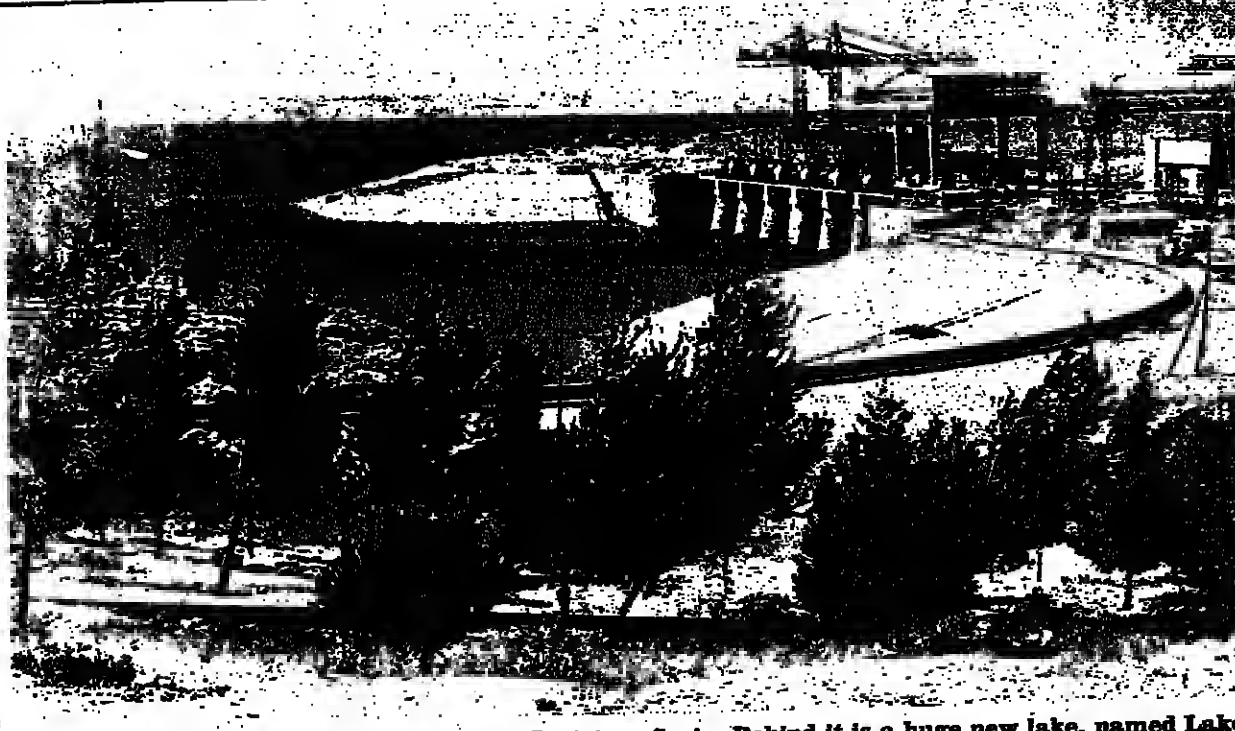
## Memorial fund for drama competition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A fund to encourage the writing of original Israeli plays for children has been established at Tel Aviv University in memory of an announcer, actor, Yehoshua Goldenberg. The memorial fund is a joint project of the Goldenberg family and the Arts Faculty of the university.

The fund will, as a first project, sponsor a competition in the writing of plays for children and teenagers. The winning play will be performed by students in the university's theatre department.

## THE JERUSALEM POST



A view of the Euphrates Dam, built by the Soviet Union to provide power and water for northern Syria. Behind it is a huge new lake, named Lake Assad after the Syrian president. (Camera Press)

## Police figures for solved crimes drop

## Crime paid very well in '76

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Crime is a growth industry these days — and was a safer calling last year than the year before.

Police figures reveal that more crimes were committed last year and a smaller proportion were solved. According to the Association of Insurance Companies, thieves got away with IL241.1m. worth of goods last year, compared to IL167m. in 1975 — an increase of 46 per cent. But since inflation amounted to 88 per cent, the net increase would seem to stand at 7 per cent for 1976.

The "criminal mentality" seems to have taken inflation into account. The last quarter of 1976 shows a 68 per cent increase in the number of burglaries and thefts in which more than IL40,000 worth of goods were stolen.

In 1976, IL21.2m. worth of goods were stolen from apartments and shops in 1976 increased by 12.2 per cent (after a 15.7 per cent increase in 1975).

But while crime is increasing, the police ability to apprehend and prosecute the criminals is steadily decreasing. In 1974, the police solved 23 per cent of all business robberies and 18.1 per cent of apartment break-ins. But in 1976, they could solve only 17.3 per cent of business robberies and 10.1 of apartment break-ins.

In other words, 784 apartment dwellers out of every 100,000 had their apartments burgled. But only 10 per cent (or 78 apartment owners per 100,000) enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing the police apprehend the guilty parties.

But if crime pays — so does crime prevention. For example, the four-year-old Holon firm Multi-Lock, producers of Rav Barak, claims that sales in-

creased by 350 per cent in 1976. Turnover amounted to IL4.5m. in 1976, but jumped to IL18m. in 1976. The longer established Metal Products Ltd., producers of Yarden locks, also reports a large increase in the sale of locks and devices designed to discourage thefts.

The "Top 10" thefts for 1976 (not counting the Barclays-Discount Bank robbery in Ramat Gan, in which 2,500 safe deposit boxes were broken into, or the theft of money, cheques and draft notes from the labor company in Holon — each of which has been unofficially estimated at several millions of pounds):

1. A container with five tank motors was stolen from Haifa Port — value IL2.5m.
2. Silver and gold jewelry and precious stones from a workshop in the Talpilot industrial zone in Jerusalem — IL2m.
3. Coins and jewelry from a Bethlehem souvenir shop — IL1.5m.
4. Stereo systems, whisky, carpets and transistor radios from a bond warehouse in Rishon LeZion — IL1m.
5. Diamonds from a polishing workshop in Tel Aviv — IL1m.
6. Para scrolls from a Netanya synagogue — IL1m.
7. The money stolen by a cashier at the Bank Hapoalim branch Ben-Gurion Airport — IL963,000.
8. Two diamond rings from a safe at the Hilton Hotel — IL807,000.
9. Jewelry, a stereo, projector screens, transistors and a wall clock, from a Rehovot apartment — IL797,500.
10. Deposits from guests stolen from a steel safe at the Oasis Hotel in Eilat — IL645,000.

## Baseball standings, results

Baseball results and standings:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST

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New York 19 10 .615 —

Baltimore 14 9 .609 0 1/2

Milwaukee 15 11 .577 1 1/2

Boston 14 11 .561 1 1/2

Toronto 12 17 .414 5 1/2

Cleveland 9 18 .333 7

WEST

Minnesota 18 10 .645 —

Chicago 18 10 .615 1

Kansas City 15 12 .556 2 1/2

Oakland 14 14 .500 4

California 10 17 .370 7 1/2

Seattle 9 22 .290 10 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST

W L PCT. GB

Pittsburgh 17 7 .708 —

St. Louis 16 9 .640 1 1/2

Chicago 13 10 .565 8 1/2

Montreal 12 10 .545 9 1/2

Philadelphia 11 12 .479 9

New York 10 19 .345 14

WEST

Los Angeles 22 5 .815 —

San Francisco 12 15 .444 10

Houston 11 16 .407 11

Cincinnati 10 15 .400 11

San Diego 11 19 .367 12 1/2

Atlanta 8 19 .298 14

Sunday's games: Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 4; Chicago 6, Atlanta 3; St. Louis 2, Boston 1; San Francisco 4-10, New York 2-4; Philadelphia at Los Angeles, pp. 1-3; Montreal at San Diego, 2, pp. 1, 3.

## Assad seeks foreign funds for projects

(Continued from page one)

June Assad will present a now request for aid to France's Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in Paris.

But to finance his extensive projects Assad needs money on a scale which only his Arab neighbours can provide. This is a sticking point because the Persian Gulf states are holding out in a demonstration of displeasure with his intervention in Lebanon.

The results were painfully felt by the Syrian economy last year when only 70 per cent of the 10.7 billion Syrian pounds earmarked for investment were available. This year the Damascus government has prudently set its sights on a figure of 10.4 billion Syrian pounds. But even this modest target will involve a deficit of 4.5 billion Syrian pounds. Depending on the goodwill of the Gulf emirs, investment in 1977 will vary from 7 to 10 billion pounds.

This situation creates an uncertain climate for the western and Communist countries which are competing to sell their wares to Syria. The trade balance last year totalled 4.96 billion pounds. In 1977 trade will be handicapped by a poor grain crop and a reduction in exports of oil.

Assad regards this situation as not without compensations. The lean years ahead will help to curb inflation. Foreign trade difficulties are also likely to be eased thanks to a developing tourist industry.

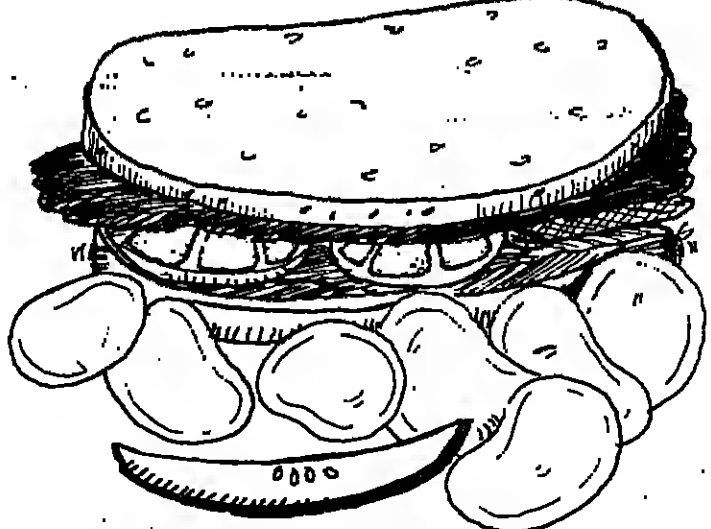
Damascus may lack the hum and bustle of the Beirut that was. But Syria's archaeological riches make it a natural haven for foreign holiday-makers. Tourist hotels are lacking, although Air France's Meridien chain recently opened Damascus's first luxury hotel, filling a gap left by the slow pace of progress on earlier hotel projects.

These either got no farther than the foundations or were stopped midway. They were launched under the sponsorship of Sheraf, Hilton and Holiday Inn with Syrian government finance.

Western business firms are vying for contracts with the Syrians. The Soviet Union has obtained the biggest deal, the Rabaa Dam on the Euphrates. The French are runners-up, with the British now moving up fast in the queue to do business with Damascus.

Britain has been handicapped by the long break in diplomatic relations with Syria from 1967 — when the Syrians accused London of complicity with Israel during the Six Day War — until 1973. But now the British are particularly welcome, thanks to the primacy of their language in the transmission of modern technology.

Although French has been the traditional Western tongue spoken by educated Syrians, 80 per cent of secondary school children now opt to learn English. But, with not enough English teachers available, the youngsters do not all get their way.

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For Israeli initiative; for negotiations with the Arab states and the Palestinians; for the recognition of Palestinian rights to their own state; for the return of the Territories in exchange for a peace treaty, mutual recognition, demilitarization, defence arrangements and international guarantees.

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## ● FOR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY EQUALITY

For higher taxes for high-income earners; for relaxation of wage controls; for comprehensive State Insurance; for a decent minimum wage; for free education at all stages; for the eradication of slum areas within four years.

## ● WE'RE AGAINST THE SOCIAL-EDUCATION GAP; AGAINST COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

## ● FOR A CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS

For written constitution and wider powers for the Knesset; for rotation of Government personnel; for annulment of artistic censorship; for the formation of an Authority for Environmental Quality and obligating manufacturers to finance pollution control.

## ● WE'RE AGAINST THE REGIONAL ELECTIONS SYSTEM AGAINST DEFILEMENT AND EXTORTION

## ● FOR JEWISH-ARAB COOPERATION

For the complete integration of Israeli Arabs; for the fast development of the Arab sector; for the equality of services; for Jewish status of social conditions; for full cultural autonomy; for the recognition of Bedouin rights and the return to their villages of the people of Irit and Sifam.

## ● WE'RE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF ISRAELI ARABS AND THEIR EVICTION; AGAINST LAND CONFEISCATION

## ● FOR FREEDOM FOR WOMEN

For equal job opportunities; for equal salaries for equal work; for recognition of house-work as employment for all purposes; for legal abortion; for the defence of women against violence and the betterment of their educational image.

## ● WE'RE AGAINST WOMEN BEING CONSIDERED INTERIOR OBJECTS; AGAINST FEMALE DISCRIMINATION AND INJUSTICE

## ● FOR COMPROMISE, AND THE SEPARATION OF RELIGION AND STATE

For the education of the critical, thinking person, open to ideas; for freedom of worship; for civil marriage and divorce parallel to religious rites; for the equality of all Jewish religious trends; for religious tolerance.

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## 18 missing as fire guts Amsterdam hotel

AMSTERDAM — Fire roared through the downtown Hotel Polen at dawn yesterday, killing at least four persons and possibly many others as it collapsed in an inferno of flames and rubble, police said.

At least four people died, but the toll could rise as police said 18 people were still unaccounted for.

Police said two of the victims leaped to their deaths as flames engulfed the four-storey hotel; just a stone's throw from famous Dam Square. Part of the building collapsed, smashing three fire engines.

An official said 28 injured people were in hospital.

Police had said 12 people were dead, but chief inspector Jan Veestra told a news conference later there was a misunderstanding and the confirmed toll was four.

He said the identity of the dead had not yet been established. But 17 of the 18 still missing were believed to be Swedish.

The fire erupted at 6:30 a.m. when most of the guests at the three-star hotel were still asleep. The facade of the 19th-century building collapsed, blazing, and flames engulfed several adjacent buildings.

Six hours after the blaze broke out, the gutted buildings, reduced to a few blackened beams and heaps of charred rubble, still smoked and burned.

The supervisor of Amsterdam's hospital service told a news conference that 60 guests had been taken to four different hospitals, but 31 had been discharged after treatment.

He said 55 of the 60 injured were foreign tourists, mainly from Sweden. Others were Argentinians, Israelis, Australians, Spaniards, Britons and Canadian. Five of those injured were Dutch.

Firemen said the cause of the blaze was not yet known.

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## Prosecutor: Arbel spilled uranium beans

OSLO (Reuter). — A former chief prosecutor here has confirmed a London newspaper report that a one-time Israeli agent, Dan Arbel, told Norwegian police he had taken part in an operation to divert 200 tons of uranium to Israel eight years ago.

Arbel himself told The Jerusalem Post on Sunday that there was no truth in the report, first published in the "Observer." Norwegian former prosecutor Haakon Wiker said in a statement on Sunday that Arbel had volunteered the information of the alleged uranium heist while under interrogation here in 1973 in connection with the killing in Lillehammer of Ahmed Bouhik, a suspected anti-Israeli terrorist.

Wiker said, as the "Observer" had earlier written, that Arbel gave the purported information to convince the police that he was indeed an Israeli agent. Arbel was sentenced to five years in prison for his part in the Lillehammer killing but was pardoned after serving one year.

The uranium, of a type that could be used in making atom bombs, disappeared with a West German ship that vanished while on its way from Antwerp to Genoa in 1968. The case was made public at the beginning of this month. Sources at the European Common Market have said they believe the uranium reached Israel.

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TALLY-HO — Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr., 62, and his bride, the former Patricia Oakes, 27, ride to their wedding reception after ceremony at the Roosevelt family estate near Hyde Park, New York. It is his fourth marriage and her first.

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## War crimes trial opens in Amsterdam

## Menten declares: 'I am not guilty'

AMSTERDAM. — Millionaire art collector Pieter Menten, on trial for Nazi war crimes, declared his innocence at the trial's start yesterday, called it "a KGB stunt," and challenged the competence of the three-judge court.

Menten, who until a year ago lived in semi-retirement in a 50-room mansion, was formally charged at the start of the hearing with participating in the execution of Jews at two Polish villages, now part of the Soviet Union, while serving with the Nazi SS. The charges specified that he shot or ordered the shooting of between 20 and 30 persons at Podhorce on July 7, 1941, and that he similarly participated in the killing of between 175 and 200 persons at Urycz on August 27, 1941.

Menten denied any involvement in the executions when Judge Johan

Schroeder, the court president, asked him how he pleaded. He claimed he hadn't been in the two villages at the time of the killings.

The 77-year-old Menten said he had "at least 24 reasons" why Schroeder and the two other judges should be disqualified. Menten began reading a 12-page personal statement, but Schroeder cut him short when he did not outline them.

Declaring "I am not guilty



IF RUSSIAN immigrant authors could sell the books they write here on the Moscow black market, they would be millionaires. Since they cannot, their work can only be published (especially at the beginning) with the help of the Ministry of Absorption.

At the end of March the Ministry awarded 14 stipends to immigrant authors from Iron Curtain countries. Most of the 130 writers receiving help from the Ministry have had to compromise with Israeli reality and to take jobs to support themselves while writing in their spare time.

The Ministry helps them to translate their books into Hebrew and publish them. Yuval Rogansky, head of the employment department at the Ministry of Absorption, explained that the ministry's help in publishing books is designed to give the newcomers "a visiting card." Publishing costs the Ministry around 12,500 a book, with the publisher required to take some of the expense on himself.

"If a publisher isn't willing to invest, we don't let the immigrant put out the book because it must mean that either the book isn't good or the publisher may be trying monkey business." He could not give figures on the cost of translating the books into Hebrew, saying this depended on the type of book, its size, etc.

But there are some immigrants who are either unable or unwilling to stop being full-time authors and be retrained in some other occupation to earn a livelihood. In these cases, the Ministry gives stipends (about 12,500 a month for a single person, up to about 15,000 for a family of five.) If the recipient is an older author in his late 50's or 60's, the stipend will continue until he is eligible for National Insurance.

For younger people who could be retrained but refuse, the Ministry would have to stop the stipends after a maximum of five years but so far this has not been put to the test.

"The reality of life is more convincing than anything I can say," Rogansky explained. "They see that Israeli authors also have to take jobs in other fields in order to live. They compare themselves with immigrant colleagues who took retrain-

## Immigrant authors fight to publish

By LEA LEVAVI / Jerusalem Post Reporter

ing and are earning good livings and eventually they decide we are right. . . But if you would go see a Soviet immigrant author in the Absorption Centre and tell him that he can't live here on just his writing, he wouldn't believe you. It takes time to learn a new way of life."

Yitzhak Meras, chairman of the Association of Authors from the Soviet Union in Israel, is one of those who has learned the hard lesson. He was an electronics engineer before becoming a well-known author in Lithuania, writing only Lithuanian. He was able to earn his livelihood completely from writing but when he came to Israel he was advised to go back to engineering immediately.

"Finally he had to give in and took a job not as an engineer but as a teacher at the Ort High School in Lod. The principal there is also a Russian immigrant and encourages him both in teaching and writing."

"She sometimes says that my being an author is more important to her than my being a teacher because electronic teachers aren't so hard to find. Here in Israel, people think they're doing the author a favour if they help him publish his book. But the truth is that the author is doing society a favour by writing. What he writes is a product for which society should be willing to pay as it pays for material things."

Meras knows that Israeli authors also cannot devote all their time to their creative work but he still resents the idea that he and other authors are expected to make writing their hobby, as he expressed it. At least Israeli authors have more of a chance to earn their living as journalists, which is akin to creative writing, he said.

Why doesn't the Ministry of Ab-



Yitzhak Meras, well-known in Lithuania. (Photo Emka)

sorption subsidize Russian (and other foreign language) periodicals so that they can hire more Russian immigrants and pay decently for the material they buy? Wouldn't this be better than doling out stipends to individuals?

When he was told this might invite permanent subsidies because these publications could never earn enough to support themselves, he replied that he sees no reason why they shouldn't be subsidized forever. "If that bothers you, it is because you start with the assumption that the author's contribution is less important than the baker's or farmer's."

The Ministry, despite its efforts to be flexible and to understand and help immigrant authors, does not agree with him. It is hoped that after immigrant authors are helped to translate and publish three books they will be able to go out on their own. Since the programme is only three years old, it is still not certain what the results will be, but even if

the Ministry should yield to special circumstances in some cases and help a little longer, it is obvious that the help must come to an end.

On the other hand, if publications were allowed to open but cannot support themselves, the pressure to subsidize them forever would be very great. "Meras made his proposals to us over a year ago," Rogansky said. "And our economic department examined them. They had to be rejected as unfeasible."

Sevill Greenberg, an older author who receives a stipend and spends his time translating Hebrew poetry into Russian, in addition to continuing his own Russian poetry and prose writing, is also not concerned with the affairs of the marketplace. "I really never gave much thought to how our work should be paid for. I know what I'm doing is important to Russian-speaking Jews here and abroad who want to learn more about Israel and Jewish culture so I think my job is to write and to leave marketing problems to those who understand them better."

However, even authors have to live and even if poetry is more important than money, it bothers him that the Russian-language publications here cannot pay much for the poems they ask him to submit. "I am concerned more about the quality of my readers than their quantity, and I know that some of the people who are interested in my work cannot afford to buy books. He recently published a book of David Avidan's poems in Russian translation, but he said he earned very little on it."

Most of those receiving help from the Ministry are authors from Iron Curtain countries because they have the hardest time both in adjusting to the impracticability of being full-time authors and in marketing what they write. However, a few Spanish-speaking authors from South America are also seeking help. Rogansky said English-speaking authors are better able to manage on their own. They can maintain contacts with publishers in the countries they left and if they aren't among the greatest of writers, they are used to the idea of having to work outside writing for a living.

## Jerusalem of thatched huts and a pagoda

By KINUS WEINSTEIN  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE 500 best entries in the first International Painting Competition on Jerusalem will go on display as the first exhibition at Israel Museum's new youth wing, which opens on Sunday. The contest, which drew over 200,000 works from 43 countries, is part of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification. Twelve prize winners will be selected on Jerusalem Day this Thursday, and the entire exhibition will be open to the public for a month.

The large response represents only a portion of the paintings submitted, as local screening committees in several countries eliminated many entries. Half of the paintings come from the U.S. Asian countries are surprisingly well represented with 10,000 paintings. Swaziland in Africa sent more than 100 paintings. Hundreds more came from Latin American countries. About two-thirds of the works were painted by gentle children. Paintings by Jewish and Arab children in Israel accounted for 20 per cent of the total.

Jerusalem as the Holy City, symbolized by the Shield of David, the Cross, and the Dome of the Rock, figures prominently in many of the paintings. The most popular theme was "Jerusalem in Peace," according to Mrs. Aliza Goren of the Government Information Centre, which is sponsoring the event with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Many of the children seemed to visualize Jerusalem in terms familiar to them. A Swiss participant drew a picture entitled "Jerusalem on the Mountain," in which the city is only accessible by arduous climbing. An exotic touch was added by a Burmese child, who included a pagoda among the buildings of the Old City, while a Japanese child painted cherry blossoms hanging over the Western Wall.

A few Scandinavian children, either confused in their geography or having heard about their parents' vacation to Eilat, pictured Jerusalem as a tropical island with palm trees and thatched huts. With the passion her countrymen are famous for, a French child added a poem, beginning with the line "I have fallen in love with your mysterious country."

The Israeli section will have 41 paintings. The scenery of Jerusalem as envisioned by Israeli children is, of course, more realistic. Mrs. Goren pointed out. Here, too, the most popular theme is "Jerusalem in Peace," symbolized by doves and olive trees and Arab-Israeli friendships. Some of the Arab children expressed peace by drawing pictures of Israeli soldiers and Arab people hand in hand.



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The six winners from abroad will be awarded a week's trip to Israel together with one companion in June, when school is out. The six Israeli winners will be given gold medals. In addition to the 12 prizes, the Foreign Ministry has contributed one more trip to bring an outstanding participant to Israel, and Mayor Kollek is currently working to get a few more trips.

In the meantime, awards have been made in several places abroad. The Norwegian magazine "Familien" presented a trip to 13-year-old Grate Glimmering, who was selected as the best of her country's 300 candidates. Mexico's Education Ministry is sponsoring trips to Israel for the three children who were the best in the local competition.

A participant from Burma, who has three paintings exhibited, had a special request to make. Apparently not excited about travelling, he drew a picture of the radio or the watch he wants in case he wins.

At the conclusion of the exhibition at the Israel Museum the paintings will be divided and sent abroad for display.

THE TENANT — Cinema Two, Tel Aviv. A film by Roman Polanski, based on a novel by Roland Topor. Starring Roman Polanski, Isabelle Adjani, Shelley Winters, Melvyn Douglas, Je Van Fleet, Lila Kedrova and others. Photography by Sven Nykvist. English dialogue, Paris, 1976.

ROMAN POLANSKI'S latest film has himself playing Trelovsky, a Polish expatriate living in Paris, burdened by his Slavic paranoia and isolation. He becomes the tenant of an apartment owned by a Mr. Zy (Melvyn Douglas), with Shelley Winters as the building concierge. The former tenant jumped to her death from a window facing the building courtyard, and Trelovsky is drawn to this window, from which he has a view directly into the toilet used by the tenants on his floor. This toilet, decorated like an Egyptian tomb, with hieroglyphics, becomes a focus of perverted fantasy for paranoiac Trelovsky.

Mlle. Choude, the girl whose suicide is a mystery, has left behind various articles of clothing, underwear, and makeup in a closet, as

well as one of her front teeth, hidden in a hole in the wall. All this leads Trelovsky to ruminate on what makes this "me" of a person. "Is the me my head, or the me my belly? What right has my head to call itself me?"

Evidently the "me" of Trelovsky is rather confused, because he ends up losing his "me" and becoming "her," the former tenant, whom he has seen only once in a hospital before she succumbed to her injuries from the fall. She is bandaged up, mummy-like, with only her right eye and mouth visible, and this symbolic image imprints itself on Trelovsky's mind.

Polanski's portrayal of Trelovsky is too cerebral. One feels his directorial hand on his own self, making his performance stilted and not believable. His directorial self is stronger than his acting self and the clash inhibits presentation of the emotional instability which the film

attempts to portray. Sven Nykvist's photography is beautiful pictorially, but not in keeping with the weird feeling of the film. The total effect is that of a "properly made" film, well-narrated, but not enough gut feeling — an intellectual exercise. Whatever Polanski does in films is interesting — he is talented, imaginative, and original — but this film is too thinly schizophrenic-paranoiac.

BEN HAYEEM

OUT OF SEASON — Gai, Tel Aviv. Directed by Alan Bridges. Starring Vanessa Redgrave, Cliff Robertson and Susan George.

TAKE three outstanding actors, a shabby West Coast of England hotel "Out of Season" and an unusual, explosive theme, all under the careful direction of Alan Bridges (director of "The Hireling"), and you have an absorbing film.

After an absence of 20 years, a rootless Joe Turner (Cliff Robertson) wanders unannounced into the

lobby of a small hotel owned by his former lover Ann (Vanessa Redgrave). He attempts to re-establish himself in her life, but without bargaining for the existence of her adult daughter Joanna (Susan George). He falls passively into the net of their overwhelming, bitchy intrigues. His memory enticed by the young Joanna, but his intentions directed towards Ann. The film strides slowly and deliberately to its sensual and shocking climax.

Vanessa Redgrave, one of Britain's most acclaimed actresses, is aloof and cold as the repressed mother, and Susan George, who began her acting career at 11, gives an excellent performance as the spiteful, sexually loose and catalytic Joanna.

Except for some beautiful wintry coastal shots, "Out of Season" has the atmosphere and stylistic appearance of straight theatre, with some stunning dialogue by scriptwriters Reuben Bercovitch and Eric Bercovici, who also produced the film.

DOMINI KEEBLE

## Batsheva II in a workshop evening

DANCE/Jean Cass

BATSHEVA II are contributing a promising new dimension to the Israeli dance scene. At their Tel Aviv studio earlier this month, they presented the first in a series of programmes designed both to encourage local talent and to bring about increased rapport between artists and audiences in an informal setting. Judging by this sample, the approach is excellent.

The dancers — Ruth Esbel, Hagar Garti, Karen Farber, Ariella Shapiro, Tirza Spinoth, Urit Kenan, Ofer Caleb, Yaron Margolin and Amir Colvin — all received their training in Israel and they are all fine performers indeed — both in technique and interpretive sensitivity. I was particularly impressed by Karen Farber who seemed to have an unusual mastery of modern, stretched torso work and a lovely use of head and arched back. She delivered each phrase musically and carried out every movement to the fullest.

Israeli choreographers Laurie Friedman, Rachel Cafri and Rina Shacham worked in different styles,

but all capably, and with local material.

"Flight" (Friedman) had music specially composed by Yoael Marmarosh. Birds have always inspired dancers, from primitive tribes, through classic ballet, to the moderns. This choreography painted an impressionistic picture of flight with a logical, structural development. Its primitive roots were emphasized by the universal magic circle, which the dancers constructed at the beginning with silver tape, and to which they returned at the end, seated around it with crossed legs and lightly fluttering hands.

The same composer, Mar-Chaim, was also responsible for the accompanying score to "More Fields," where he appropriately culled each section to the action. Choreographer Cafri seems to create on the metaphorical boundary area between drama and dance. Her imagery is specific and surrealistic and always involves a multitude of props. This time there was a wash

basin, piles of rags and patches, gas masks and white winding-sheets. I find her ideas stimulating and original, but she always makes me feel that she was unsure of where she was heading when she started out. Was this piece intended as a capsule of Israeli life? The one note of genuine emotion in the mourning of a brother was jarring in an otherwise rather mocking, callous atmosphere.

"Poem" (Shacham) combined words from Molly Bloom's sensuous monologue in "Ulysses" that ends "Yes I said Yes I will Yes." This was all rendered in Hebrew and alternated with selections from Bach to high-light formally lovely dance shapes and rhythms as well as an emotionally moving expression of nostalgic, flowering love.

The audience was invited to stay after the performance and talk to the dancers. It is to be hoped that many people took advantage of the offer. This kind of interchange can only lead to increased viewer awareness and possibly to improved choreography, as the creators receive live, sincere feedback.

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## FEATURES

## Devoted to tee-shirts

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS / Joanna Yehiel

JEANS will go down in fashion history, that's for sure and articles are already being written on their history and "cultural significance." But how many people have paused to consider that their no-less-essential half of our wardrobe — the tee-shirt?

Unlike jeans, there's no age limit for tee-shirts — "our customers start at size one, and women can go on wearing them all their lives...men? well, almost all their lives," two experts in the T told me this week.

Malcolm Admon and Jonathan Lubell run Lord Kitsch in Jerusalem's Rehov Mordechai Ben Hillel with third partner, William White. Malcolm is from Wales, the other two from England, and all three are surprised at the roaring success their shop has become.

That tee-shirts are for everyone I've seen by the number of people who crowd the shop from the moment it opens until closing time. In fact, I've been into the shop several times looking to talk to one of the partners, to find that on each occasion, it was impossible to divert him from the roaring business he was doing.

What's the reason for the success? "As far as we know, we're the only shop in Israel that is entirely devoted to selling tee-shirts. Lots of shops sell them as a side product, but here we're trying to sell them exclusively, in an attractive, lively way," Malcolm told me. "People — all sorts and ages — like tees; they're relatively cheap, they're terrific for our climate; they're all Israel-made."

And, most important of all, Lord Kitsch has a tremendous selection. Whatever design you want to sport across your chest (or breast for that matter), Lord Kitsch seems to have it. The place is more like a library than a clothes store. For kids, there are all kinds of cartoon characters (the biggest seller, and not just for small kids is a picture of a Bili-style girl). For adults there are pop groups, all kinds of designs and inscriptions and for tourists there are designs of Israeli places and towns. (But most popular among tourists is the ubiquitous "Coca Cola" transfer.)



Shirt transfer designed by Dick Codor.

Reason for all this choice is that the designs come from two sources; transfers, bought in the U.K. and the U.S., and, more interesting, silk screen work, done by Jonathan and William, from designs by local artists (including The Post's Ya'acov Kirshen) or by the two partners themselves.

In fact, Lord Kitsch itself is a direct offshoot from silk screen work by Jonathan. Remember "Super Golda"? (Who could forget her?) She originated as a cartoon strip by Dudu Geva in *Lilith*, the satirical magazine produced by students of which Jonathan was editor/publisher. "Super Golda" offended the Foreign Ministry and other official organizations and, for that and a variety of other reasons, funding was withdrawn from the magazine, and the management was left with a package of debts.

"As a *da'ka* (thumb on the nose), we did a 'Super Golda' poster, and then tee-shirts. I spent most of '73 printing Golda tee-shirts in my spare bedroom to pay off debts on *Lilith*," Jonathan said. "There's still a demand for her, even now, and we ration them out to our favourite customers."

This *da'ka* gesture did so well, that ("as we were unemployed anyway"), they decided to take the

tee-shirt business seriously. And Lord Kitsch is the thriving result.

What do you pay for a shirt? Children's tee-shirts start at IL23 (including Vat); adults' begin at IL34. For a very large adult size, with a silk screen design (which comes more expensive than the transfer) you will have to fork out IL52. And, if you just want your name all over your front Lord Kitsch has a machine to do that, too.

## A dread of 'Westernization' as a death knoll to ideology

WRITERS AND READERS / Sraya Shapiro

FALLACY, fallacy, all is fallacy, says Asher Meniv. Some say "politicization" is the cause of all our evils. A myth, says Meniv. Some dream of a "good order" which would put an end to moral instability and financial difficulties. Again, a myth, explains Meniv. Myth, also, that a nation must be united to perform effectively.

Asher Meniv is an idealist. He devotes his time to running Beit Berl, the Labour Party's ideological institute, editing the "Migvan" monthly and trying to persuade his fellow-kibbutzniks to give more thought to theory. Though he left his native Germany as a child, he inherited the pangs of *Weltschmerz* and an urge to find practical ways of making this world a bit better than it is.

"A Selection of Legends from Israeli Politics" (published by Am-Oved and Tarbut ve-Hinukh) is a series of studies on the mood of our times.

The Israeli political scene is full of paradoxes. But how can paradoxes be avoided in a society moved by so many conflicting ideas? Militancy is inherent to political radicalism, and what political dreamer is not a radical? Meniv notes, of course, the impression that the Bolshevik Revolution had made on the minds of Zionist socialists — the Leninist

thesis, in particular, that a leading elite was morally and historically right in imposing its will on society.

This notion is not shared by the younger generation which has grown up within the sphere of Western political influence, Meniv observes. While he is not particularly happy about the self-declared right to rule of the socialist elite, Meniv is much more concerned about the trend towards "westernizing" the ruling process.

Meniv dreads "westernization," because to his mind it means the death knoll of the Ideological Party. It is true that ideologies do rage in the Western world and that they do influence political life, but only in a roundabout way. See what happened in America over Watergate, for instance. Meniv wants the Party to be what it purported to be when parties first emerged: an instrument for bringing about a change in the political scene in order to draw humanity nearer the ideal. Meniv, a socialist since boyhood, is not dismayed by the failure of Socialism in the Soviet Union. He thinks the Russians simply did not know how to go about democratic Socialism.

The main thrust of Meniv's attack is directed against the idea of changing proportional representation for a regional vote. He discards all the

benefits of regional elections as fallacies. He hates to think of political life as a struggle between a few ambitious men at the top who depend on the uncommitted and unaligned populace in their bid for power. His ideal party is a vast mass of people moved by common ideals, people who have their share in decision making — not the passive right to say "yes" or "no" to competing leaders on election day.

Like so many inveterate idealists with their eyes on the stars, Meniv slips on the banana-peel of reality, as recorded by history. Most people are not really interested in politics. They are interested in their work, their friends and their family. They trust those who know and can decide to decide rightly. All that democracy can and should guarantee is the right of people to say what they think without danger to their freedom or their livelihood.

Generally, the choice before any government is limited indeed — even more so in the case of Israel. What a government must be able to do is to act properly, without being torn from the inside by conflicting interests of coalition members, whose "besses" do not even sit in the cabinet. Regional representation simply gives a better chance of establishing such a government. That is its main, if not only merit. The rest is fallacy.

## Dutch having elections, too

By HENRIETTA BOAS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
AMSTERDAM. The Dutch quadrennial parliamentary elections, to be held on May 25, have many similarities to the forthcoming Knesset elections. Here, too, there is a caretaker government and a considerable number of contesting parties. In contrast, no separate women's list has yet appeared.

Women in Holland constitute some 50 per cent of the voters. They are being urged by feminists to vote for women on the list of their choice, especially for those in list places where only a preferential vote would boost the candidate into Parliament.

The number of female parliamentarians in Holland is larger than in any other West European country, representing 14 per cent of the total. But few are well-known or hold important positions. Both the Dutch Labour Party and the Political Radical Party, however, are now headed by chairwomen: Mrs. "Ien" van den Heuvel, who recently visited Israel, and Mrs. Ria Beckers respectively. But of the country's 16 cabinet ministers, only one is a woman, Minister of Health Irene Vorwinkel. All the under-secretaries are male.

As for the "eligible" places on the party lists for the upcoming election, this is how the three largest parties look: Dutch Labour Party (P.v.d.A.) can expect to win 43 seats and has only five women in its first 43 places; the Christian parties, which can expect 27 seats, offer only five females in its first 47 choices; and the Liberals, offer six women for the 22 seats of which it can be sure.

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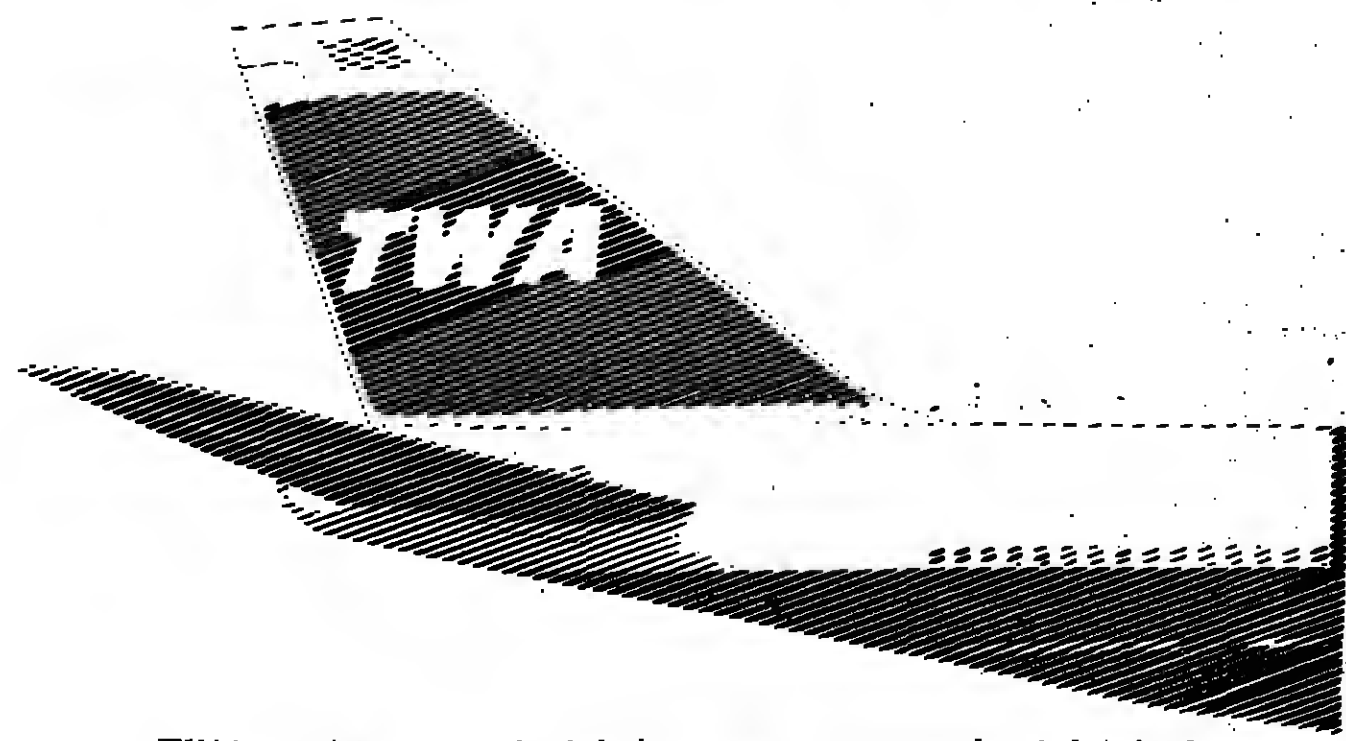
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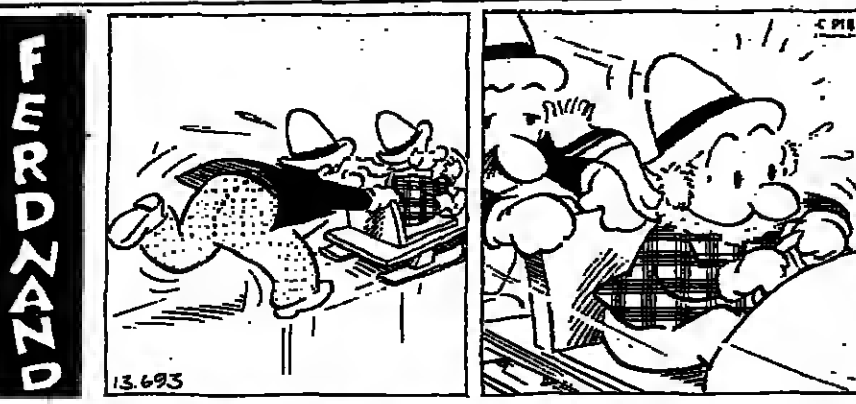
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**Concerto in G Minor for 2 Violins;**

**Calvi: At the Medici Court; Milhaud:**

**Organ Suite No.5; Bach: Concerto**

**No.7 in G Minor for Harpsichord;**

**10.04 (Hebrew) Kibbutz: Farry: Sonata**

**in D Major for Harp (David**

**Watkins); Mozart: Symphony No. 28**

**in C Major, K.302; Beethoven: Sonata**

**No.4 in A Minor for Violin and Piano;**

**Op.28; Schubert: Concerto in A**

**Minor for Piano (Lipatti); Saint-**

**Saens: Capriccio for Violin;**

**Scarlatti: Poem of Ecstasy**

**13.05 Programme announcements**

**10.35 Radio story: Legends of the**

**Kinneret by David Hachon**

**12.05 (Stereo): Recital — Herut**

**Israel, Pina Hadya: Sonata in F**

**Major, Prokofiev: Four Pieces**

**Op.22; Kabanov: Music for Piano**

**(1937); Kabanov: Sonata No.3,**

**Op.46**

**13.05 Tomassini: Good Natured**

**Women; R. Schmitt: The Birds;**

**Stravinsky: Pulcinella**

**15.01 Golden Watch Club —**

**programme on old age and retire-**

**ment**

**15.10 Lesson in spoken Arabic**

**(repet)**

**15.15 Notes on a new book**

**15.15 Musical encounters**

**15.45 J.C. Bach: Concerto in C Minor**

**for Cello; Lalo: Le Torero**

**15.50 Melomania — Music happening**

**in Elit**

**20.45 (Stereo): Jerusalem Symphony**

**Orchestra — Beethoven: Die Gross-**

**e Fuge (Henri Temianka); Mozart:**

**Mass in C Minor, The Orest, (Lukas**

**Ferenc)**

**22.05 (Stereo): Berg: Chamber**

**Concerto (Sera Fuxon-Jayman, Yair**

**Kless, Shmuel Friedman conduc-**

**ting); Bruckner: Symphony No.1 in C**

**Minor (Berthold)**

**23.10 Amnon An-Naomi talks about**

**development in the Social Sciences**

**and the Humanities**

**23.15 Programme announcements**

**Second Programme**

**12.30 Israeli songs**

**12.35 Song and news commentary**



## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

## TEL AVIV STOCKS

## Erosion continues

TEL AVIV. — The erosion in the prices of equities continued for another session yesterday. While there was no shortage of exceptions, the trend was for lower prices.

There are many explanations for the current market action. Some ascribe it to the forthcoming elections, which are creating an atmosphere of uncertainty, while others are supporters of the "correction of prices" theory. They contend that the length of the current "bull market", ten months, requires a major correction before new buyers will be attracted.

High turnover among the financial issues may lead one to believe that a major shift of investment sentiment is taking place. The financial shares, especially those of the commercial banks, offer a major attraction in that they are liquid. The implication is that the shares can be bought and sold in fairly large quantities without affecting their market price. While no one expects the banks to duplicate last year's sterling performance, good results are expected nevertheless.

Bank Hapoalim shares were star performers as they gained a full three points to 322, more than I.L. 25m. were traded. Bank Leumi was half a point ahead to 347. I.D.B. was unchanged, as was Mizrahi. Union Bank eased by one while the options added three to 335.

Mortgage banks were mixed but the well known issues were lower. General Mortgage backed off by three in 272 but Tefahot was hard hit, with the pref. shares down 20 to 380 and the common off by 15 to 376. Insurance issues, on balance, were lower. Aryeh eased by 21 to 672, while Haasneh dipped by seven to 478. Tzur was half a point lower to 599.5. Sahar was the only winner as the shares advanced by 15 to an even 1200.

Delek reg. was 14 higher at 435 while the bearer shares eased by two in 633. Israel Cold Storage, true to its pattern, saw the I.L. shares marked as "sellers only" and dropped to 2-150. The I.L. shares were 17 lower at 678. Israel Electric led 25 to 825. The land development and real es-

tate sector continued to give ground to profit-takers. Africa-Israel I.L. 20 was 13 lower at 973. ILDC eased by two to 213. Property and Building lost nine to 256. Yisrovo shares gained one to 224 but the options, without explanation, were "sellers only" and marked down to 103. Mehadrin was lowered to 607. In the variables the shares fell further to an even 600. Pri-Or also went the "sellers only" route and was established at 693.

Profit-taking also affected industrial issues. Elco I.L. 5 was "sellers only" and was lowered to 443. The shares eased by another three points in the variables to close out at 443. Argamam pref. were "sellers only" and were fixed at 323. Ata pref. continued to act well as it was "buyers only" and marked up to 816. The "C" shares were four lower at 199. Electric Wire and Cables was hard hit and declined to 180, for a 15-point loss.

Levin-Epstein was "buyers only" and adjusted to 247. American Israeli Paper Mills was a weak feature. In the opening round it was "sellers only". The shares lost another half a point in the variables and closed out at 278.5, for an overall loss of 15.1 points. Nechman was 45 ahead on a "buyers only" situation. Arad was marked to 305 after the "buyers only" sign was flashed and continued to gain to 315 in the variables sector. Frutarom lost 12 to 171.

Index-linked bonds spent a trying session. Issues in the 5,000 series were as high as 2.5 per cent. 8.5 per cent Defence Loans were slightly lower while Optional Loans were stable.

The General Index of Share Prices was down 0.63 per cent to 130.10.

## Most active issues

Hapoalim	322+3.0	I.L. 258, 600
I.D.B.	347	I.L. 734, 700
Bank Leumi	347.5+0.5	I.L. 693, 500
Shares Traded:		I.L. 28.4m.
Bonds:		I.L. 15.8m.
Netad:		I.L. 11.73+3ag.
Demand:		328,000
Turnover:		\$388,000

Solei Boneh 10% pref.	b	868	623
Property & Building	r	256	255
Me Hadrin	r	600	609
L.C.P. Citrus	r	545	546
Neot Aviv	r	—	—
Pri-Or Ltd.	b	340	—
Neot Aviv 8% pref.	r	693	729
Rassco	r	232	234

INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance - B	r	985	1000
Elco - 2.5	b	440	466
Argamam - 8%	b	390	385
Ata - C	r	199	203
Dubek	b	590	610
Electric Wire & Cable	b	180	195
Teva	r	890	899
Chem. & Phosphates	r	265	275
Levin-Epstein	r	247	236
Moller Textile	r	243	243
Paper Mills	r	279.5	295
Assia "B"	r	230	210
Nechman 8% pref.	r	345	360
Elite	r	413	419
Shemen - 8% pref.	b	470	493
Frutarom	r	171	183
Frutarom New	r	166	175
Elron I.L.	r	600	605

INVESTMENT COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	401	408
Elron	b	890	915
Israel Central Trade	r	293	298
Hapoalim	b	545	573
Paz	b	187	193
Wolfson - I.L.10	b	268	261
Ampa	r	287	296
Discount	r	265	270
United Mizrahi	b	269	269
Bank Leumi	r	647	660
Piryo	r	—	—
Export Bank	r	187	188
Cla Industries	r	282	277
Cla Industries	r	272	273

FUEL, OIL AND UTILITIES			
Naphtha OTC	r	1820	1700
Lapdoh OTC	r	1710	1693
Jordan Exploration	r	3469	3390
Jordan Warrants	r	3280	3120
Delek C	r	633	636
Israel Electric Corp.	r	823	600

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## WALL STREET

ASA Ltd.	19%	Ford Com	29%	Mobil	62%
Am Motors	4%	Ford	34%	Monsanto	—
Amer. T & T	6%	Gen Dynam	55%	NCR	—
Ati Rich	6%	Gen Foods	31%	Occ Pet	—
Aveco	15%	Gen Motors	68%	Pan Am	33%
Avon	4%	Gen Pet	28%	Polaroid	33%
Bell How	20%	Gen Tire	24%	RCA corp.	30%
Beth St.	34%	Gillette	28%	Royal Dutch	38%
Boeing	52%	Grace	29%	Sears Roe	34%
Brist My	63%	Gulf West	14%	Singer	22%
Burroughs	18%	Quilt Oil	17%	Sony	—
CBS Inc.	38%	Hywell	—	Sperry Rand	—
Celanese	51%	IBM	58	Teledyne	—
Chase Man	30%	Int Paper	34%	Tesaco	—
Chrysler	37%	Int. T & T	84%	Texas Ins	—
Coca Cola	74%	John John	—	TWA	10%
Com Ed	22%	Litton	—	Twent Lion	12
Crown Zell	38%	Lorcheed	—	U.S. Steel	48
Curlis Wri	10%	Macy	—	West Union	17%
Dow Chem	36%	McDon Doug	—	Woolworth	24
Dupont	127%	Merr Lynch	—	Xerox	45
East KDK	60%	Min M	—	Zenith	22
Exxon	51%				

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## FOREIGN CURRENCY

Official Exchange Rates		
U.S. \$	9.2374	9.2651
Sterling	15.8623	15.9416
DM	3.9132	3.9348
French Fr.	1.9639	1.9733
Dutch Fl.	3.7640	3.7828
Swiss Fr.	3.6497	3.6673
Austrian S.	5.4995	5.5270
Canadian \$	8.7806	8.8245
Australian \$	10.2087	10.2697
Rand	10.6124	10.6655

## INTERBANK LONDON

Spot Rates:		
Dollar	1.7187/90	per £
Swiss Fr.	2.5275/85	per \$
Lib	886.60/90	per \$
Belgian Fr.	36.125/14	per \$
Dutch Fl.	2.4520/35	per \$
Yen	277.90/10	per \$
French Fr.	4.9550/65	per \$
Danish Kr.	6.0250/05	per \$
Swedish Kr.	4.8450/80	per \$
Norwegian Kr.	5.8250/55	per \$
Gold price:	\$147.50-148.25	

## FORWARD RATES:

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1.7187/90	1.7187/90	1.7187/90
2.5275/85	2.5275/85	2.5275/85
886.60/90	886.60/90	886.60/90
36.125/14	36.125/14	36.125/14
2.4520/35	2.4520/35	2.4520/35
277.90/10	277.90/10	277.90/10
4.9550/65	4.9550/65	4.9550/65
6.0250/05	6.0250/05	6.0250/05
4.8450/80	4.8450/80	4.8450/80
5.8250/55	5.8250/55	5.8250/55

Sw. Fr. \$ 2.5247/257 2.5187/207 2.5075/086

## Telephone tokens still only 50ag.—but there aren't any

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hoarding of telephone tokens is on the rise again, and the "No Astimomim Today" signs are going up again in post offices throughout the country.

"People just don't believe us when we pledge the price of 50-agorot will not be increased," a senior Communications Ministry official told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. "Maybe it's the elections fever, with everyone suspecting sharp price increases just around the corner."

He said there are now 24 million tokens in circulation with 11 million more an order, coming in at the rate of 500,000 per month. And, to back up the pledge of no increase in price, the official pointed out, some 2,000 public phone boxes that operate on 50-agorot coins (not tokens) are being manufactured right now. "But a slight technical hitch is delaying their delivery," he added.

In other telephone service news: The High Court last week refused to order Communications Minister Aharon Uzian to show cause why he should not rescind the "compulsory loan" requirement for persons applying for phone installation.

Last August Uzian announced that new phone subscribers would have to pay, in addition to the installation fee, a sum of I.L. 290 as pre-payment for the first 1,000 local calls. This advance, approved by the Knesset Finance Committee, would be repaid after about a year, in the form of 20 bi-monthly credits.

Four persons who had paid the new charge went to court to challenge its legality. They claimed

Uzian "acted beyond his authority" in issuing the order and that the fee "smells of robbery and exploitation of the public."

But High Court Justices Moshe Landau, Alfred Witkon and Ben-Zion Shereshevsky rejected this plea. They noted that nothing in law bars the Minister from imposing a charge for a service before the service is rendered.

The Communications Ministry, they ruled, must operate on an economic basis and therefore requires huge sums for investment in equipment and infrastructure. With 70,000 new phone applications coming in each year and a waiting list of 170,000, there was no alternative to levying the compulsory loan and thereby helping overcome the installation order backlog.

Numbers of public phone will soon be changed to end with either "00" or "99." The easy identification is designed to help operators forestall "long-distance-collect fraud."

The racket, uncovered by Ministry investigators, showed people calling from abroad to friends waiting in telephone booths. When the operator asked about accepting charges, the person in the booth readily accepted. The problem arose weeks later when the billing department learned that the generous person on the receiving end "unaccepted" the charges on behalf of a public telephone.

Calls to overseas points are up by 40 per cent since March 10, when all of Tel Aviv's phones were joined to the 24-hour direct-dialling international network.

Directly dialled calls cost less, on



"No Telephone Tokens," say these signs at stamp windows in Jerusalem's main post office on Jaffa Road. There are similar signs at post offices all over the country.

The average, than operator-assisted calls since there is no full-minute charge for fractional-minute use of the line. Also, calls under three minutes' duration are not charged the minimum three-minute rate as are calls placed with the "18" international exchange.

A I.L. 10m. automatic telephone-exchange centre will be dedicated in Ramallah today. The project, financed by the Military Government of Judea and Samaria, will offer West Bank residents the same service available in Israel, including direct dialling, round-the-clock wake-up alarm service, information, number verification service and other courtesies. The new exchange will serve approximately 3,600 subscribers.

In Mahanayim itself the "Hatzor Metallurgical Works" is moving into production and expects to produce goods valued at I.L. 50m. a year, half of them for export. In Tefen, a bare hilltop near Ma'alot, plants are being built for Vulkan Batteries, Koor Rubber, and Gamid Rubber.

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## Industry saves Galilee

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

CARMIEL. — Industrialization has breathed new life into the development towns in Galilee. If a few years ago they threatened to become ghost towns, now they are not only growing in population but also crying out for more workers.

This was stated on a tour of the area Sunday by Reuven David, government coordinator of activities in Galilee. He noted that "if six hundred families did not leave Galilee in the last year, some 1,500 families moved in, for a net gain of 1,200 families." One reason is that the Government has poured in I.L. 180m. in the past few years, of this I.L. 77m. in 1976 alone.

Most of these huge sums went to building roads and flats for workers, but about one quarter went for erecting industrial buildings. "Industry lacks two things," David said. "One is skilled workers, the other is telephones and better roads."

The Government plans to build a first-class highway from Mahanayim airport, skirting Safad, cutting across the Galilee till it reaches Yokneam. This road and its junctions with existing roads, will considerably reduce the travelling time to Haifa and to Tel Aviv.

Industrialization is being centred mainly on what David calls the "empty triangle," whose sides run roughly from Mahanayim to Ma'alot to Nazareth and back again to Mahanayim.

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beginning to produce sophisticated electronic equipment, and Eliezer, of Haifa, is building a new plant which will produce components for the electronics plants run by Eliezer in Haifa. In Carmiel, Savkel is now beginning to produce Wankel rotary engines. Savkel hopes to produce 10,000 motors by the end of 1978, and 20,000 the next year, rising to 50,000 the year after. Each motor will sell for \$500.

Also in Carmiel is Delta Textiles, which is in production and expects to export goods valued at \$8m. this year. Exports reached more than \$3m. last year, when the plant was being run in.

Another plant, Kasco Metal Engineering Company, will produce goods valued at I.L. 8m. this year, rising to I.L. 2m. next year. Kasco will export ten per cent of its products this year, and 20 per cent next year. The Government is doing everything to attract industry from the coastal plain, David said. Help, both in loans, land and buildings, reaches about 75 per cent of the cost of setting up a plant.

To attract workers, the Government has drawn up a series of incentives, including mortgages running from I.L. 5,000 to I.L. 30,000, income tax reductions and free high school education. Also every skilled worker who moves to Galilee will be assured of full severance pay from his former place of work in the coastal plain.

Carmiel itself is flourishing, so much so that it is already surrounded by 250 to 300 Beduin squatters who have pitched their tents and tin huts in the circle of hills surrounding the town.

Mayor Baruch Wanger of Carmiel notes that "it will be a problem to get them to move off Government land, some of them have even squatted in closed military areas."

## Beer exports to U.S. and Africa up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli beer is today exported at a growing rate to markets in Africa and North America. In Lagos the Israel Beerworks OK beer is quenching the thirst of Nigerians. Since the beginning of the year 80,000 cartons have been exported to Lagos. Another 10,000 cartons left this week for the West African port.

In a different market Israel Macabee beer is this year exported at a rate of 20,000 cartons a month to Miami, Florida. The beverage is sold under the label of Beersheva, an Israeli Beerworks spokesman said. An additional U.S. market is being expanded in New York, as the popularity of Israeli beer among a grow-

ing number of American tourists here is converted to export sales in the visitors' home markets.

On the local scene, however, the picture is less rosy. Low-priced imports are cutting into local sales.

## Soldiers' bank for sale

The controlling shares of Bank Otzar Lahavai (the army bank), now owned by the state, will be sold by tender to a commercial bank, the Cabinet Economics Committee decided yesterday.

The committee also decided to sell a third of the Soldiers Trust Fund Company and turn over the I.L. 5m. expected from the sale to the veterans' association.

## 'Furniture Week' opening next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel Furniture Week — the first trade "week" ever devoted to locally manufactured furniture — opens next Monday at Binyamin Ha'ozma in Jerusalem.

Between 200 and 300 foreign buyers are expected to visit the displays, which will take up all available floor space in the huge convention centre. The public will not be admitted.

"This fair is not intended for the local market," one of the country's large furniture makers told reporters in Jerusalem yesterday. "We have designed prototypes of items we are prepared to produce for export. Israelis are not big furniture buyers."

More than 70 Israeli furniture makers and 15 accessory producers will exhibit at the four-day fair,

which is heavily subsidized by the Commerce Ministry and the Treasury's Jerusalem Economic Commission "Follow-Up" unit.

Dr. Shlomo Sifton, director of the "unit," explained that his organization furthered the work of the 1968 and the later Economic Conferences, for which foreign businessmen were brought here to show them what our industry has to offer. "If Furniture Week succeeds," he said, "we shall make it an annual event, like Metals, Food and Fashion weeks."

Extra Sasson, chief of the Light Industries Division at the Commerce Ministry, said furniture exports last year totalled \$10m., and the estimate for this year is \$12m. He said almost 15,000 workers are employed in furniture plants, and the emphasis is now on exports. Local demand for Israeli furniture, he said, has slackened.

## Central Elections Committee for the Ninth Knesset

Notice regarding the freedom, secrecy and honesty in the elections

Pursuance of para. 15 of the Election Law (Electioneering Methods) 1959, the Chairman of the Central Elections Committee brings to the notice of the voting public that elections to the Knesset are free and secret. Every citizen is entitled to vote freely and according to his conscience alone for one of the lists of candidates that have been approved for the elections for the Ninth Knesset.

The Central Elections Committee has taken every suitable step to ensure the secrecy of the elections, in order to prevent any possibility of discovering how a citizen voted.

These are the principle methods:

The envelope in which the voter places his ballot card is completely opaque and may be examined by the voter.

Every electioneering booth will be provided with a curtain to guarantee the voter absolute privacy.

The voter, and only the voter, is entitled to place his/her ballot card in the envelope and to seal the ballot box. There, it is mixed up together with the envelopes of the other voters in the same area. The Law provides serious penalties for acts of bribery, or threats in connection with the elections, for disturbance of the elections and for voting not according to the provisions of the Law.

Five years imprisonment or a fine of I.L. 20,000, or both may be punishment for whoever: gives or offers bribery to a voter to vote or refrain from voting; accepts or agrees to accept bribery for the purpose of voting; threatens a voter with violence or damage if he should vote or refrain from voting; or threatens work or withdrawal work from a voter or threatens dismissal so that the voter should vote or not vote for a particular list.

Two years imprisonment or a fine of I.L. 10,000, or both, are the punishments provided for whoever disturbs the normal conduct of the elections in any way or who presents to the election committee a voter card or identity card which are not his/hers, or who attempts to vote more than once.

I am sure that the provisions of the Law and the arrangements of the Central Election Committee are sufficient to ensure that every citizen may vote freely according to his will and conscience.

ELIYAHU M. MANNY

Judge of the Supreme Court

Chairman of the Central Elections Committee for the Ninth Knesset

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## The disfranchised

UNNOTICED by the general public, elections to the Ninth Knesset, officially scheduled for next Tuesday, in effect started yesterday — when Israeli seamen and officers aboard 35 ships under the Israeli flag at sea or in foreign ports cast their ballots for the lists of their choice.

These seamen are the only group of citizens who are not obliged to be in their registered home district in order to be able to vote. The theory behind this privilege is that Israeli ships, outside the country's territorial waters, represent floating pieces of national territory. Present-day jurisprudence may take a somewhat dim view of this type of theory, but the privilege itself is certainly unassailable.

As described in *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, the ballot boxes from the ships must reach the Central Elections Committee within a week of the election. They will be brought to Israel either by the ships themselves, or put ashore at the first port of call, from where the nearest Israeli Embassy will send them to Israel by diplomatic pouch.

This passage is worth repeating, because the staff of the Israeli Embassy who are responsible for the safety of the ballot boxes are, from the Ambassador down, themselves barred from taking part in the poll. This is rather strange, for an Israeli Embassy in a foreign capital enjoys at least as much extra-territoriality as an Israeli ship in a foreign port.

But that is the law. Its rationale is hard to fathom. Is it meant to prevent Israelis long resident abroad, who for all practical purposes have severed their relations with the country, from making their impact felt on election day? But such persons, if they so desired, could do just this by coming home on election day — let alone by contributing funds to Israeli parties, which they have apparently been doing on quite a grand scale lately.

On the other hand, many thousands of citizens on official missions or on private business overseas are denied what is properly deemed a basic democratic right — and in some countries an obligation.

Or is the reason for the prohibition the fear that adequate secrecy could not be assured for elections held abroad? But surely the same argument would apply in the case of the seamen. Or is it perhaps the technical difficulty, such as it may be, of keeping registration rolls of eligible Israeli voters abroad?

If so, a lesson may be learned from the recent action of the U.S. Congress, which extended to all American citizens overseas the right to vote for all elected national office-holders, from President to Congressman. And America's difficulty is so much the greater because, unlike Israel, it has a constituency system of election.

The next Knesset should certainly address itself to this basic constitutional issue. The legislature may, of course, devise specific criteria for eligibility in the case of citizens abroad. But it must not tolerate the long-established total denial of the vote to all who happen to absent themselves from the country on polling day.

And while at it, the Knesset might also try to see to it that the colossal administrative mess which has resulted in the "erroneous" omission from the current voters' lists of some 45,000 home-based citizens, is not to be repeated in the elections which will follow next Tuesday's.

## Justice for judges

THE JUDGES of the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court are understandably miffed over the fact that a Netanyahu magistrate has been appointed to the capital's district court over their heads. To underscore their disappointment they have asked, almost all of them, for early retirement.

This protesting judges are, of course, aware there is no legal requirement that a judge must come from the same town as the court to which he is appointed. Yet, as they see it, the decision by the nominating committee is a tacit reflection on their collective ability and worthiness. It is also a body blow to their prospects of advancement.

This is due, first, to the parochial patriotism of Jerusalemites, who are renowned for their reluctance to be moved to any other town; and, secondly, to the fact that competition for places on district court benches elsewhere is no less fierce than in the capital.

But the issue cannot properly be considered from the local vantage point alone. Magistrates sitting in towns where there are no district courts must not be allowed to feel the forgotten men (or women) of the country's judicial system — if only because that would greatly reduce their willingness to serve. Thus there is no alternative to promoting them to district courts outside their own municipal boundaries, and it is not always practical or fair to confine such promotions exclusively to those courts which serve their particular district.

Judge Amihud Ze'evi, the centre of the present storm, is not, it might be recalled, the first Netanyahu magistrate to have been elevated to the Jerusalem District Court — rather than to the Tel Aviv District Court, which might seem to be his more natural sphere.

As with most professions in Israel, there is just not enough room at the very top for judges. But some more room could be created by the establishment of additional district courts. Thus a district court in Netanyahu itself would help take off some of the tremendous load which now oppresses the Tel Aviv court. The expense would certainly be justified by greater speed in the administration of justice.

Besides, it would provide new openings for judicial promotion, thus encouraging talented lawyers to try for the bench rather than yield to the lucrative temptations of private practice.

# The parties and peace —and the territories

The platforms of the major parties on the issue of peace and the territories do not reflect the leaders' own perceptions of political realities. The question

before the voters, says YOSEF GOELL, is which party is putting up the team best suited to handle American pressures for intolerable concessions.

NOWHERE is there a greater gap between the platforms of the major parties and current political realities than on the issues of peace and the territories. And nowhere is this gap so misleading.

The Alignment and the Democratic Movement for Change are on record as favouring concessions on the West Bank in return for peace. Both parties have their stand on the conviction that peace with the Arabs is unattainable without such concessions, and on the desire to have Israel remain a predominantly Jewish state rather than become a bi-national one.

The DMC speaks of the need to establish Israel's defensible borders permanently on the Jordan River, the geographic translation of its platform rhetoric being more-or-less the Allon Plan borders. The Alignment is somewhat vaguer on this, stressing opposition to the restoration of the 1967 borders, and insistence on defensible borders without specifying what these might be.

The Likud and the National Religious Party both would not give away any areas within the "historic" borders of Israel, even in the context of a peace agreement.

The Alignment stresses that its readiness for territorial concessions is predicated on a full peace agreement, but does not explicitly rule out concessions in exchange for a partial agreement. Mr. Peres, after taking over from Prime Minister Rabin, has pointed out the dangers of banking too much on negotiations for ultimate peace. The failure of such negotiations he observed, might constitute an irresistible pretext for the Arabs to start a new war. He also hinted at the desirability of aiming for additional partial agreements, but neither he nor his party have been specific about the price they would be ready to pay for these.

The DMC is unilaterally opposed to any withdrawals on the West Bank for anything short of a full peace agreement. The Likud and the NRP are even more adamant on this point.

All the major parties reject any idea of negotiating with the PLO and their inclusion in the Geneva talks. All turn thumbs down on a separate Palestinian state, with the Alignment and the DMC preferring a "Jordanian" solution to the problem of the West Bank.

All these parties are tactically opposed to the "drawing of maps" prior to peace negotiations. In recent days there have been some vague indications that the Labour Party might reconsider this tactical stance in reaction to American pressures. The suggestion has not, however, met with Mr. Peres' approval.

FOR ELECTORAL reasons the Alignment, the Likud and the NRP have taken pains to exaggerate the differences between their respective positions on the issue of peace and the territories. Yet their positions remain rather vague. The DMC's formulations were guided primarily by the need to bridge the differences between the erstwhile hawk and dove wings of its founding members. The vagueness of the Alignment platform is also indicative of the problems it has in keeping together a bloc which in-

cludes Moshe Dayan and Meir Talmi. The most obvious comment that can be made about these platforms is that they have very little to do with political reality. In private conversations, leaders of all these parties concede that there have been no signs that any Arabs are prepared to enter a peace agreement with Israel which accords with the Israeli consensus as to the meaning of peace.

In the light of this near universal reading of the political situation, the distinctions between the major parties take on the character of differences in wishful thinking. At best, in the estimate of the tactics which would best extricate Israel from the political predicament in which it has found itself since the Six Day War.

An attempt to choose between the major parties on this issue on rational, rather than on emotional, grounds requires shifting one's gaze from the Arabs to the Americans.

Certainly within the year following next week's elections Israel's main foreign policy problem will be handling the Americans rather than the Arabs. The general talk has been that the Americans will be waiting with their proposals until after the elections and the constitution of a new government. In actual fact the Americans have not been waiting at all; they are making it all too clear to Israel today what they are after. And what they are after is Israeli consent to a phased withdrawal from virtually all the territories in return for Arab readiness for something that may still be pretty remote from the Israeli concept of peace.

WHAT IS LESS CLEAR as yet is how determined the Carter Administration will be to press for actual implementation of its programme, and what position it will take on the issue of a Palestinian State as opposed to the "Jordanian solution." The operative question which the "rational" voter should decide for himself ought, therefore, to be who, or which team, is best suited to handle American pressures.

The Likud is the only party that addresses itself to this question, even obliquely. Its platform speaks of the need to impress on the Americans the common interest the U.S. shares with a strong Israel for the purpose of "stemming the spread of Soviet imperialism in the Middle East."

It stretches the imagination to believe that this is the kind of message that will be "bought" by the Carter Administration. More pertinent may be the inclination President Carter has revealed during his first 100 days, to speak out first and backpedal later under the pressure of political reality. Will Israeli leaders be able to create a similar political reality in the Middle East, and within the community of American politicians and opinion makers?

Couching the issue in these terms focuses attention on the leadership teams which are being proposed for the job by the different parties. What seems to be required is a flexible combination of realistic concern for Israel's basic security needs, with sympathy for the sort of dovish arguments which alone are receptive to the American policy and op-

tion making communities at this time. The Peres, Allon, Eban team is certainly flexible enough for such a task. The question is whether it can work in greater harmony than the Rabin, Allon, Peres team demonstrated in the past three years. The most that can be said of the Begin, Weizmann, Dulcain team, and that of Yadin, Rubinstein, Amit and Tamir, is that they are as yet untested. As far as the Likud is concerned, however, the major question that independent voters considering it should be debating with themselves, is Mr. Begin's capacity for being flexible.

## IT ISN'T SO AT ALL

The reappearance of Rabbi Meir Kahane's list in the current election campaign raises a number of disturbing questions about the quality of the country's political culture, suggests ERNEST STOCK.

taste, and indeed most of the parties have been guilty of breaches of etiquette. But surely there comes a point when the contents of newspaper ads become so repulsive that a halt must be called. That point is reached, so it appears to me, when a particular faction claims to be endorsed by God himself, as Kach does regularly in the Hebrew papers. (Readers of *The Post* are spared this ultimate piece of *chutzpa*). Similarly, should there not be a ban against insulting references to foreign statesmen, as when Kach exclaims "that Coy in Washington" from the pages of the press?

Moreover, should a candidate be permitted to dramatise his campaign by staging incidents in the West Bank — an area Israel is assiduously trying to keep quiet under difficult conditions? The ordinary citizen is precluded from even staying there overnight, yet here comes a candidate for the Knesset and tries to bully his way into the Nablus Town Hall at the point of a sub-machinegun! The army salvaged some of its reputation for fair and equal treatment by turning Kahane away when he made his second attempt to enter the town, but memories of the first incident will not easily die out.

Finally, has not the time come to apply some restriction on the use of the title "rabbi"? I recall reading a suggestion, in connection with the Bergman scandal in New York some time ago, that its use be reserved for those who actually engage in a religious calling. The moment a rabbi leaves his synagogue to engage in politics or business, if this regulation were adopted, he would no longer be known as a rabbi. Debasement of that honoured title would thus be prevented.

To end on a personal note: Many of us who have come to Israel from the

U.S. feel depressed by the thought that the views and tactics of the one American taking an active part in the campaign should be so antithetical to everything America stands for. We can only be thankful that the Israeli body politic has so far shown itself healthy enough to remain unaffected by the miasma emanating from the headquarters of Kach. Dr. Stock is author of "Israel on the Road to Sinai" (1968).

### KNESSET ELECTIONS LAW (CONSOLIDATED VERSION) 5723-1969

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### READERS' LETTERS

#### OFFICERS' PRIVILEGES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — The Chief of Staff's reaction to the Comptroller's report on the subject of special air flights for officers was roughly that such allocation of aircraft would continue.

This sounds rather autocratic in a democracy. Rav Aluf Mordechai Gur's attitude makes the post of Comptroller and his staff redundant. If his recommendations can be thus dismissed off-hand, we can save the money and trouble.

Going on leave is important. But it is just as important for all men in uniform. And there is no reason why the officers should enjoy special flights while the men spend hours on the roads waiting for a lift. This distinction causes more bitterness and resentment than any hard work or privations in the service.

All special privileges should be discontinued. We should take a clue from President Carter who not only carries his own bags, but has closed the VIP dining room in the White House, and dismissed limousines.

BRONISLAWA YOELA NOYI Netanyahu

#### RADIO IN BUSES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — In his courageous and well-framed article about radio in buses (April 22), Aryeh Rubinstein refers to regulation 422 which states expressly that the driver shall not play the radio loud. This must be emphasized because the gist and purpose of this — as so many other but disregarded regulations — is to prevent accidents.

Moreover, the radio seriously interferes with and hampers efficient bus service. If we can talk of service by drivers as it is given now.

If a sign regarding the operation of the radio is to be painted in the buses, I am afraid that, in the prevailing circumstances, such a sign's fate will be similar to the one that prohibits smoking, unless there will be supervision by the police and Jerusalem. MARK LEVSON

#### COLOUR BLINDNESS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — With reference to your report "Moshav Re'an this red tomato?" (April 10), may I point out that no settler has ever been asked to leave Sde Nitzan because of colour blindness, or for any other reason.

One member, who is in fact colour blind, has indicated to the moshav that he would be leaving, despite the fact that the moshav committee has done everything in its power to induce him to stay.

It was suggested to the member in question that he investigate the possibility of growing a crop other than tomatoes, where his red-green colour blindness would not be such a handicap, or that he take on a public post within the moshav.

In spite of the suggestions, he has decided to leave: this is his personal decision and is regretted by his fellow members. CLARE GORDON Committee Chairman

#### SELECTION

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**America Is not in Our Pocket**  
AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP is the keystone of Israeli foreign policy. Without it the prospects would be bleak indeed. That does not mean that we have to follow American orders. We will have to suffer the consequences if our security is undermined; so we must have the last word on concessions that may affect our security.  
Thus, for example, the Government rejected the Kissinger proposals on the interim agreement with Egypt in March 1975.  
This attitude seems to be understood and accepted in Washington. The President and the Secretary of State have emphasized the importance of a strong Israel and have repeatedly disclaimed any intention of trying to impose a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. But let us make no mistake about it: there are limits. To adopt the Begin policy of annexing Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip, to announce that not an inch of these areas will be given up under any circumstances, thus, in effect, repudiating the basis of the Geneva Peace Conference — and then to expect American economic, political and military aid — would be disastrous folly.  
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